HATE WAS THE CAUSE.

W. T. Roberts Fired Two Bullets into Henry F. Kapelle.

JEALOUSY WAS THE CAUSE.

Kapelle Lying at the Point of Death and No Hopes Entertained for His Recovery.

W. T. Roberts, an expressman, shot and fatally wounded Henry Kapelle on Curtis, near Twenty-fourth street last night about 8:40 o'clock. The shooting occurred at the entrance of the tent of the Flying Dutchman, which occupies the vacant lot at that place.

The grounds were filled with people at the time, a large part of them being children, who had gone there for a ride on the merry-go-round.

They were startled by four shots in rapid succession and the cry, "There goes the fellow." A man breathless with excitement rushed through the crowd of people brandishing a 38-calibre revolver and darted down a back alley. Enraged by jealousy, Roberts had fatally shot the escort of his divorced wife and was then a fugitive from justice.

He ran like one hounded by a howling mob. He disappeared and all trace of him was lost until the detectives found him an hour later at his room, 2333 Curtis street.

Kapelle staggered a few feet and fell. The crowd surrounded him, and a moment later an officer dashed through and asked him who shot him. The frightened woman at his side looked up from where she was kneeling over him and gave a name that was once so dear to her—W. T. Roberts.

The trouble between the former wife and the man who did the shooting dates back several months, and the story of their relation has a tinge of the sensational about it.

About six months ago Mrs. Roberts sued for a divorce from W. T. Roberts, the driver of express wagon 302, on the ground of non-support. She secured the much desired decree of the court, and was given possession of their child, a bright little boy seven years old. Roberts has been anxious to secure possession of the child ever since the divorce was granted, and last night he went to 2234 Curtis street, the home of the mother, and took the child away. No one at the house seemed to have seen this act in the tragedy, and the mother only discovered that the child was gone about 7 o'clock.

A boarder, who appears to have been an intimate friend with Mrs. Roberts, was at the house at the time and Mrs. Roberts told him of her suspicions. It was Henry T. Kapelle, the victim of the leaden missile of death. Kapelle had been at the house for several months and according to Roberts' statement had trouble with Roberts and threatened him several times.

After a rehearsal of her troubles she told him that she was positive that Roberts abducted the child. Upon her request Kapelle put on her hat and accompanied her on a walk past the house in which her divorced husband lived—2333 Curtis street. They passed but saw nothing of the blue-eyed boy she was seeking so they retraced their steps. They stopped at the "Flying Dutchman" at Twenty-fourth and Curtis streets to watch the children in their sport. After remaining there a short time they left, starting homeward. They were laughing and chatting as much as could a mother who was under great anxiety over her child, when they were accosted by a man who stood face to face with them. He scowled, and she shot dark, angry glances at him. It was her divorced husband.

Not a word was spoken, but Roberts, overcome by jealousy at seeing her with the man that he claims broke up their family relations, in the heat of passion drew his revolver and fired at him. Three shots followed in quick succession and then, quick as a flash, he darted through the crowd and escaped.

After the first shot, which entered the abdomen a little above and to the right of the pit of the stomach, almost identically the point in which Captain Hawley was shot, Kapelle turned as if to flee. Another shot entered the left shoulder from the rear, passing through the body and lodging near the left nipple.

He fell a few feet from the entrance of the ticket office after taking a few steps.

An officer in that vicinity heard the firing and called the patrol, and the second division wagon responded promptly.

The wounded man was taken to his house at 2234 Curtis street, and Police Surgeon Smith who was at the Thirty-third street station when the arbitrary call came in, he went down to the scene a few minutes after the man was removed. Dr. Parnell was also called and they took the ball from the left breast. The other wound they pronounced fatal.

Judge Miller, who lives in that vicinity, was roused out of bed and hurried to the bedside of Kapelle. In the meantime a messenger was sent for Dr. H. H. Martin.

DYING DECLARATION.

Kapelle made the following dying declaration:

Denver, May 28, 1891—My name is Henry F. Kapelle. W. T. Roberts shot me. I know of no reason for him shooting me. I did not draw my weapon on him. I made no demonstration of violence against him. He did not speak to me before he shot me. I make these statements under the belief that I am going to die.

HENRY F. KAPELLE.

Subscribed in my presence this 28th day of May, 1891.

GEORGE W. MILLER,
County Judge.

Mrs. Roberts was summoned and entered the death chamber with tears streaming from her eyes. She did her best to control herself and after remaining for a while rushed out and again broke down.

Detectives Leyden and McAndrews entered the room with Roberts whom they had captured a few moments before at his room 2333 Curtis street. Kapelle identified him as the man who shot him. Roberts was then taken to the central police station and locked up. When arrested he told Detective Leyden that he had shot Kapelle because he had broken up his family and made threats against him.

T. C. Polk, a boy of 17 years, told the following story to a *News* reporter:

"It was about 10 o'clock and the crowd had mostly gone from around the machine when I saw Roberts come up and stand for a moment in front of the machine on Curtis street. He had both hands in his hip pockets and looked around as though hunting for someone. Suddenly he saw Kapelle, who was about four feet from him and he pulled a gun and fired one shot right into Kapelle's breast. Kapelle staggered back and then Roberts fired three or four more shots at him and ran up the alley between Curtis and Arapahoe streets. He ran as fast as he could. Kapelle fell down on the sidewalk after he was shot. I was standing within three or four feet of Roberts when he fired the first shot. I did not hear him say a word and don't think he said anything."

A *News* reporter saw Roberts in his cell at the city jail. He got up slowly from his iron cot and stood in the doorway. The reporter asked him if he had any statement to make. He looked blankly and sat down again.

"Have you nothing at all to say?" The man acted as though struck dumb.

"Don't you know that you are accused of a cold-blooded murder, and have told the detectives that you were innocent?"

No response. Simply a blank look. Nothing more.

It was impossible to get him to open his mouth, so the reporter left him.

Roberts was badly hurt in Mullen's mill three years ago, and is said to have been partially insane since.

The following statement was made to a *News* reporter by Dr. H. H. Martin, who attended on Kapelle last night: "Curious enough," he said, "the man was shot just as Captain Hawley was. One ball entered the abdomen below the ninth rib at a point midway between the long portion of his breast bone and the crest of the Ilium (the large hip bone) that is the fatal shot. Another one entered below the point of the scapula on the right side, and, passing through the deep muscles forward, made its exit in front of the axilla. At the time I left, 12 o'clock, the man was rapidly fading away. I do not think it possible for him to recover."—*Denver News.*

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