

Knobloc Shot Down

EX-LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR OF LOUISIANA KILLED IN AFFRAY AT THIBODEAUX.

JAMES GARAUT SURRENDERS

Barber Is Being Held for the Shooting, Which Occurred at Early Hour in Morning.

Thibodeaux, La., May 18.—A shooting affray which resulted in the killing of ex-Lieut. Gov. Clay Knobloc occurred early this morning on Main street, and created a great deal of excitement. The shooting was done by James Garaut, a well-known barber.

The trouble leading up to the killing is practically unknown. It was 7:30 o'clock when the killing occurred. It took place in a section of Main street that is usually crowded. The hour was early, though, and not many people were out. Several witnesses of the shooting were found, but they refused to talk further than to say that Garaut shot in self-defense.

The two men were seen talking together, when suddenly, ex-Lieut. Gov. Knobloc drew his revolver. It appeared that he experienced some trouble with the weapon, and it failed to explode. Meantime Garaut whipped out his revolver and opened fire on his adversary. That his aim was true is established by the autopsy held by the Coroner, who found five bullets had entered the dead man's body. Either of the several wounds would have proved fatal. Ex-Lieut. Gov. Knobloc, it is understood, did not get a chance to use his revolver after Garaut got his out.

Garaut surrendered to the authorities, and is being held for the present, but it is stated he will be allowed bond.

Henry Clay Knobloc was a native of La Fourche Parish. He served as Lieutenant Governor under Gov. Samuel D. McEnery, now United States Senator. He has been practicing law at Thibodeaux, where he lived with his family. He is survived by his wife and one son, Earle, who is engaged in business in New Orleans.