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The Prisoner Breaks Down For First Time--Weeps Like a Child as He Bids Good-Bye to His Father

A sad parting was witnessed at the court jail on the morning of Thursday, October 24th, when Justice A. Ellis, the man condemned to die for the killing of Lew Porter, and good-bye to his aged father.

What Trial of Ellis Cost the Country

It has been roughly estimated that the trial of Arthur A. Ellis will cost the crown and county of Victoria over \$318.73.

EMERSEY CLERGYMAN HURT.

Rev. Mr. Earl, rector of the church of England in Omamee, was seriously hurt on Monday, just outside that village.

Ellis could Not Return To Dead Body

Constable Welsh, of Minden, who arrested the condemned man, Ellis, asked the prisoner afterwards if he received any assistance in dragging the body of the murdered man to the spot where it was found.

Arthur Ellis Found Guilty of Murder-- Sentenced to be Hanged on Jan. 7-- Effort to Have a New Trial

ELLIS FOUND GUILTY.

"Gentlemen of the jury have you decided on a verdict, and if so what is that verdict?"—Clerk Sootheran. "Guilty," replied the foreman.

"Have the prisoner stand up," remarked His Lordship. "Arthur Ellis, have you anything to say why the sentence of the court should not be passed upon you.

The death sentence, the terrible, horrifying words, were then pronounced upon the prisoner. "Arthur Ellis you will be taken hence to the place from whence you came, there to be kept until January 7 next, when you will be hanged by the neck until you are dead."

An unnatural deathly silence followed the verdict and a thunderbolt from the blue would not have caused so much surprise. The verdict was sickening and as His Lordship performed the only duty left open to him and gave utterance to the terrible sentence.

"I don't know, I don't know," was all that he could say. "I don't know why I did it, now. It was a terrible mistake—a terrible mistake."

Ellis never moved the position of his body a hair's breadth, but sat erect. The blood rushed with one great leap from his hands to his face, his white hands becoming cold as ice as they clinched the railing in front and his face becoming as red as a beet.

The silence remained unbroken. Again a woman in the gallery sobbed aloud, an umbrella dropped to the floor, there was a shuffling of feet and the crowd in the court room moved forward and craned their necks in an effort to get a last look at the condemned man as he was taken from the courtroom to his cell in the adjoining jail, where for months he lived contentedly awaiting the outcome of his trial.

It should be stated that the verdict handed by the foreman to Justice Clute contained the clause recommending mercy. This statement for some reason was not read by His Lordship when pronouncing sentence.

the calendar is made against a man the crown must prove him guilty. When a life is in the balance it behooves everyone of us to be serious.

Counsel Robinette pictured vividly the sad case of Ellis: Friendless and alone; wife dead, babes living elsewhere—a poor lonely farmer. He had a chance to escape (six days), but he stays on the spot. He might have drowned the body in the adjacent lake, but he didn't.

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five children? The dead man was not here to answer for himself, and his character should not be besmirched. When a man takes a life he must satisfy the Crown that he does it because of peril of his life and upon reasonable ground.

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about cooking than about making wagon tires," he said, and grinned broadly. "They were mighty good to me in there," he said.

TRIAL A MAZE. "What did you think of what the judge said?" he was asked. "I did not think he wanted them to believe me at all," he said.

EVIDENCE IN DETAIL. It was exactly 5 o'clock before Arthur A. Ellis, prisoner accused with the murder of Louis D. Porter, jr., in April last, appeared before Justice Clute and jury Tuesday afternoon on trial for his life.

In all four witnesses were examined before 6.30 o'clock, and no startling evidence was forthcoming. As prognosticated by The Watcher Monday Barrister Robinette brought to light a copy of the note written to Ellis, the prisoner, a year ago, and supposed to have been penned by a daughter of his deceased wife, but which the girl flatly denied as anonymous in court Tuesday.

Constable Welsh, of Minden, told of the finding of the body, the arrest of Ellis. He also related Ellis' conversation to him after being arrested, and a misapprehension as to where Ellis stood when he fired the fatal shots was cleared up.

Considerable time was taken up in the selecting of a jury, a number being challenged by counsel for the defence, and several being told to stand aside by the counsel for the prosecution.

In his preliminary address to the jury Mr. E. Meredith, K.C., said in part: "The charge of murder is one of the most serious ever made against man. First decide whether he is guilty of murder or of the lesser offence of manslaughter.

WELL TREATED IN JAIL. He told of his stay in the jail. He said that his dinner to-day had not amounted to much, as he had for the first time not been there to cook it. "They don't know any more

justice. Render a just verdict according to the evidence. It is your duty to society, to your fellow men to carry out the law; no man has a right to take another man's life. If it is proven that he took Louis D. Porter's life the law then puts upon the prisoner of the bar the duty to prove himself not guilty or justified in doing the act.

Mary Jane Tripp when sworn stated: I saw Louis Porter, jr., pass and he had a gun on his shoulder and went in search of cattle. After deceased had passed that evening that was the last she saw of prisoner.

To Mr. Robinette witness stated she was sent to Ellis' place by Inspector Reburn on the date in question. The last witness saw of her brother was in March.

Witness stated she lived with her grandfather, Louis Porter. The deceased Louis D. Porter came to his father's on April 23rd, had tea there, then left stating he would have tea at Dryer's place.

At this point Barrister Robinette asked the witness to write as he dictated as follows: "Eck—

"I am writing to tell you not to go away from home. I heard Lew tell grandpa he would set fire to your buildings 'the first chance he got. I heard him say he shot Wess' (Hounsell's) colt, and set fire to Russell's camp. He took everything he wanted, and hid these first. It was him that broke Thomas' scales. It was grandpa that poisoned your dogs last winter. He throwed it off when we came past your place. After we were in the turn, he stopped and walked to the top of the hill to see the dog dying. I'll tell you all when I get a chance.

Justice Clute objected to the witness being thus examined for penmanship and to Mr. Robinette witness continued: "I called the prisoner sometimes 'Eck,' but I never signed my name 'Eth' or 'Ith.' I remember the time Inspector Miller visited our place and showed me a letter which was supposed to be from me, but which I did not write."

LOUIS PORTER, SR. The father of the deceased was next called and stated: "I have lived in the township of Lutterworth for twenty-four years. My son was 36 years old, married, with a family of five. The gun was supposed to be in good shape and Louis was a sure shot. He came on my place to

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