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The Love Home

The Love Tragedy Still A Mystery

Official Report of Arnel Love's Evidence

There is nothing startlingly new in the Love case, and the mystery remains as deep as it was last week. Absolutely no motive has been discovered for the husband to commit the deed, although everyone admits that all things point to him as the culprit. The story Love tells of seeing a man running across the field has been exploded. Mr. Geo. Beecroft, who was with Love that Tuesday, says t was a local young man going to the slaughter house and they both knew him. Under the circumstances why should Love dwell on this insignificant incident? It will be noticed in the verbatim report of the boy's evidence which we print below that the father said the mother was "standing there knitting when you went to school." If Love left the house at 8.10, as he says, how does he know what the woman was doing when the boy left for school? Beecroft also says that Hindle did not come to where they were unloading coal, and the conversation quoted by Love could not have taken place there. All that the authorities now want is a motive, and the conflicting stories told by the accused man will go far towards fastening the crime.

The boy, Arnel, is in charge of the Children's Aid Society at Owen Sound. The preliminary trial is expected to take place at Ceylon Orange Hall on Monday next, by which time the authorities hope to unearth some new evidence.

In all this case the son's evidence is most important, as he flatly contradicts his father at many points. We give below a verbatim report of all the important evidence given by the boy before the coroner's jury, so that our readers may judge for themselves what the statement really means to the man charged with the awful crime.

Q—Were you at school on Monday, Dec. 9? A—I was.

Q—You went home after school in the ordinary way? A—Yes.

Q—Was your mother there then? A—Yes, she was.

Q—Where did your mother spend the evening? A—She stayed at home.

Q—Was your father there? A—I cannot recall.

Q—What is your time to go to bed? A—Between eight and nine.

Q—And get up about what time? A—About seven.

Q—Do they have to call you in the morning? A—Father generally calls me.

Q—Do you have breakfast with father and mother? A—When I get down stairs they are at breakfast.

Q—Can you recall who called you on Tuesday morning? A—Father.

Q—Who was there when you got down? A—Father.

Q—Was your mother there? A—I am not certain,

Q—How long did you remain there? Did you have breakfast? A—Yes, I had breakfast?

Q—Had your father his breakfast? A—I suppose he had.

Q—Well, do you know? A—Well, he may have had it before I came downstairs

Q—Were the dishes on the table? A—Some of them were.

Q—Where were the rest? A—They were in the pantry.

Q—Your father told you that your mother had got up early that morning? A—Yes,

Q—And went to Rev. Mr, McLare'ns? A—Yes.

Q—Then you are perfectly sure your mother was not there? A—Yes.

Q—Then there is no doubt in your mind but that your father was there and your mother was not there? A—No.

Q—You had your breakfast and took your lunch to school? A—Yes.

Q—Do you ever go down to McLaren's to get lunch or to eat your lunch? A—No.

Q—Does your mother go there to work every week? A—She does not go there at all.

Q—Did your father tell you not to go down to Rev. Mr. McLaren's? A—Yes.

Q—He asked you to eat your lunch at school aed not to go down to Mr. McLaren's? A—Yes.

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Q—What did you understand your mother was doing down there? A—She had spoken of making a visit there.

Q—You thought she was out on that visit? A—Yes.

The witness then described his movements after coming home from school Tuesday evening. He said his father came in just after dark.

Q—Did you ask him about your mother? A—I asked him if she had come home yet and he said that she had not.

Q—Did your father ask you not to let on to anybody that she had gone away? A—Yes, on Tuesday morning before I went to school he told me that.

Q—You spent Tuesday night with your father at your home with no word from your mother? A—Yes, and no word from mother.

Q—You had cold breakfast on Wednesday morning? A—Yes.

The witness described here how he went to school Wednesday but left at 2.30 because he "was not feeling well and was anxious about mother" He then described at length the search and how his father went down cellar while he stood at the top of the steps, and afterwards searched the rooms. After Mr. Collinson left Wednesday night both father and son sat around the stove and finally the boy says: "He walked around the house, took off some of his clothes and then went to go in the bedroom. He made about two steps in the bedroom and then exclaimed, 'Oh, God, what's that?' and then came back in the room where I was, said he heard a noise as soon as he got in the room which seemed to come from near the cellar. He then said he would light the lantern and look all over the under part of the house."

Q—About what hour of the night would this be? A—12 o'clock.

Q—How far down did he get before he said something? A—He got down off the bottom steps and was standing on the ground.

Q—Was there any delay before there was something to say? A—He held the lantern up and looked over and said, "Is that her?" As soon as he said that I went down cellar as quickly as I could and said I thought it was.

Q—How far from the body would you be then? A—About 12 or 15 feet.

Q—Did your father take the lantern and go close to the body? A—Within two or three feet.

Q—What did he do then? A—He said, "My God, there she is," and came upstairs and went over to Mr. Collinson's as fast as he could and told him. Then he came back in the house and asked me if I had met anyone when going out to school on Tuesday morning. I said that I caught up to the Adams boy and walked out with him, and also saw Mr. D. Muir down at the stable, He asked me if I met anyone else and I said No. Then he told me if anyone asked me about it to say that I met a tall, strong looking fellow coming around the new road.

Q—Now did anyone ask you? A—I told that story but do not know whether anyone asked me or not.

Q—What condition was the floor in when you come in on Tuesday? A—It was swept and chairs were all in their places. Everything was in good order.

Q—You slept with your father the night after he was arrested? A—They say I did but I do not know whether I did or not.

Q—Why? A—Well, if I did it was after I got to sleep and he got up before I awoke.

Q—Have you not had any talk with him since he was arrested? A—Only to bid him goo dday.

Q—Did he say anything to you about how to describe the tramp you saw on the road? A—He told me to describe him.

Q—What do you think your father had asked you to say that for? A—I do not know.

Q—Did you ask your father why you were to say that? You knew your mother was dead and it looked as though she was murdered? A—Yes.

Q—When your father asked you to tell this story, which was not true, I suppose you had some thoughts in your mind about the same? A—Well, I did not have time to think about it.

Q—Well, you knew that the next morning when you told the story? A—Yes.

Henry Love reappears and questions Arnel: Q—Who did you eat your breakfast with on Tuesday morning, Arnel? A—I ate it alone, I think.

Q—You are mistaken, my son. You ate it with your father and mother Tuesday morning and she was standing there knitting when you left for school.

Q—What time did you leave for school on Tuesday morning, Arnel? A—About 8.30 or 20 minutes to 9.

Q—Who was there then? A—No one.

Love—I am sorry.

Wodehouse

Special to The Advance.

A merry Christmas and a bright and happy New Year to the editor of The Advance and its many readers.

A feeling of horror is felt in this neighborhood by the terrible catastrophe that has befallen the Love family at Ceylon.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cherry and Alice and John arrived here from Kindersley, Sask., Saturday last. They have spent the past six years in the West and speak in glowing terms of it, but owing to Mr. C's poor health they have decided to return East.

Born—On Friday, Dec. 13, to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cullis, a daughter.

Sorry to report Robert Wiley still confined to his bed, where he has been for the past month from having fallen against a nail in a board, which penetrated his leg just above the knee. We hope for a change for the better very soon.

Mr. Thomas Riddle has gone to Owen Sound to attend business college.

School closed Friday for Christmas vacation. Our teacher, Miss McMullen, has decided to relinquish duties here at that time. The new teacher has not yet been decided on.

Threshing is just being wound up in this neighborhood.

Mr. George Wiley happened with a nasty accident one day last week, when he and his brother, Frank, were shutting the barn door. There was a very high wind blowing and George was in the act of putting in the standard when one of the doors came suddenly shut, striking him in the face and knocking him some ten feet. Frank says he thinks George saw stars, all right, for he did not know him for some minutes. It was a hard knock and George still has a few marks to remind him of his experience.

Mr. Aaron Birch visited his sister, Mrs. Vic. Bowes, of Strathnairn, on the first of the week.

Rev. Mr. Beveridge of Temple Hill preached in New England church on Sunday, week. He was greeted by a large congregation who listened with interest to a splendid sermon.

Mr. James Kirkpatrick had a successful wood bee one afternoon recently and treated the young people to a party in the evening.

Maxwell

On the eve of her marriage to Mr. Robert Arnott, 3rd line of Osprey, Miss Alice Field was visited in her home by the Maxwell Methodist choir, who presented her with a purse and the following address:

To Miss Alice Field:

Dear Friend,—Having learned with regret of your removal from our midst, we, the members of the Maxwell Methodist church, with a number of your well wishers, avail ourselves of this opportunity of asking you to accept this purse, not for what it contains but to show you that we have appreciated your valued services during the past ten years you have been a member of our choir, and during the past year and a half you have ably filled the position of organist. We have ever found you willing to take part in anything pertaining to church work, and our prayer is that you may long be spared to use the talent God has given you in His service. And you can rest assured you will be followed to your new home with the best wishes of a large circle of friends and acquaintances.

Signed on behalf of the choir and well-wishers.

John Colbert Killed on Railway

John Colbert, a Glenelg farmer, aged 57 years, was killed on the railway track below Markdale station by the Saturday night express from Toronto. Colbert had started home in a cutter. The horse appears to have turned down the tracks past the station, and down near the water tank the runners became fastened and the horse broke away from the cutter, leaving Colbert in it. The man appears to have been asleep. In any event he remained in the cutter and, the night express coming along he was dashed into eternity. A coroner's jury is sitting on the case as we go to press in order to find out if any blame is attached to anybody. Colbert leaves a wife but no family.

Wickers--Genoe

A very pretty home wedding was solemnized at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Genoe, on Tuesday evening. Dec. 17, when about sixty guests were assembled to witness the marriage of their only daughter, Isabella Martin, by the Rev. Mr. Campbell, to Mr. Fred Wickens of Kimberley.

While the wedding march was being played by Mrs. (Rev.) Campbell. The stately groom took his place under the arch of evergreens, prettily decorated with fancy decorations and Christmas bells, while the lovely bride followed leaning on the arm of her father, gowned in pearl white silk with over lace and bead triming.

After the usual congratulations all repaired to the dining room, which was aglow with Christmas candles and handsomely decorated for the occasion, and a table laden with the choicest viands. After supper the evening was spent with music and other amusements.

The bride's travelling suit was of navy blue corded velvet with lace and bead trimmings and hat to match. The happy couple left next morning to spend their honey-moon with their numerous friends in Stratford, and after their return will reside in the valley.

The young couple received many useful and costly presents, signifying the esteem in which they are held, and all wish them a very happy and prosperous vovage through life.

East Mountain

Mrs. John Smith is laid up with pleurisy. Miss Clinton of Flesherton is at her bedside.

Miss Maude Smith of Toronto is the guest of her mother now.

Some from this part attended Mr. Gamey's sale last Wednesday.

Miss Hoskins left on Thursday for her home in Campbellford. Her many friends were sorry to learn of her departure.

Mr. George Allen is on the sick list and is unable to do anything.

Mr. Gordon Orr of Manitoulin Island is the guest of his grandparents here.

Misses Sadie Smart and Hazel Allen of Flesherton high school, also the Misses Humberstone of their respective schools, are spending the holidays with their parents here.

A merry Christmas and a happy new year to ye editor and all readers of The Advance.

Miss Cora Martin is spending Christmas in Owen Sound.

Mr. John Smith is expected home this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Graham of Owen Sound are visiting at John Welshs.'

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Martin and two children, Wilda and Orville, spent Christmas at the latter's parental home in Beaverville.

Reginald Roberts of Allandale, a G. T. R. brakeman, was kiled while coupling cars at Midland.

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Village Council

Flesherton Village Council met on Dec. 16th with all the members present, the Reeve in the chair. By-Law No. 15, appointing Dep. returning officer and poll clerk was passed. The Treasurer presented statement of accounts of the village to date.

Murray—Watson—That Mr. Blakeley be allowed a refund of $3.n0, overcharge for top coat of his private walk.—Carried.

Murray—L. A. Fisher—That a grant of $10.00 be given to the East Grey Agricultural Society.—Carried.

Fisher—Blakeley—That this Council desires to express its appreciation of the able and courteous manner in whic the Oeeve of this municipality has presided over this board and conducted the affairs of the municipality in general throught the months since incorporation. At this last meeting of the year we desire to express our thanks for the attention to and time he has spent in attending to the affairs of the village—Carried. E, C Murray, Chairman.

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