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SORDID STORY OF YOUNG WIDOW

(Continued From Page 1.) caused the spectators to laugh, and create a commotion, whereupon his lordship appealed to the court constables to keep order.

R. Wagar and Detective Boyd were recalled and gave evidence regarding the finding of some wadding out of a gun.

Bottle of Carbolic Acid. Dr. Geddes was recalled and questioned by the crown counsel regarding a bottle of carbolic acid. He said that Joseph Cox gave him the bottle after Mrs. Frank Hartwick went to Verona.

The bottle referred to was exhibited in court. Mr. White—"Did you take a statement from Mrs. Hartwick?" "Yes, I did."

Mr. White produced a statement, and stated the incident was taken on February 25th. Witness gave the name of carbolic acid from Joseph Cox on the same day.

Joseph Cox, farmer of Wagarville, said Mrs. Frederick Hartwick was his stepdaughter. Mrs. Hartwick came to live at the home of the witness after her husband's death. "Did you ever see this bottle?" asked Mr. White, holding up a little blue bottle.

"Yes, I gave it to Dr. Geddes in the night of Feb. 25th."

"From whom did you get it?" "From Lena May Hartwick on the same night I gave it to Dr. Geddes."

Expert On Firearms. Alfred Tomlin, of Toronto, was called as an expert on firearms. He was given a shot gun produced, to examine, also the bullet. The bullet appeared to the witness as being of a homemade variety. The shell would fit the gun produced.

Witness gave it as his opinion that the bullet was fired from some distance. Fired at ten feet it would blacken a person's body and scorch his clothing. Giving the bullet produced a thorough examination, witness said he could see blood on it.

Mrs. Frederick Hartwick. Heavily veiled, Mrs. Lena May Hartwick, wife of the late Frederick Hartwick, went on the stand at 5 p. m.

To Mr. White, witness said that she had two children, a boy aged three years, and a girl, aged six-and-a-half years. On the day of her husband's death, witness said her husband was in company with her mother. They were working together, getting out timber for a house. He had breakfast at home, and his dinner and supper at James Hartwick's, between 3 and 4 o'clock in the afternoon on Feb. 11th, her husband got his gun and went with James Hartwick, who also carried a gun.

Between 4 and 5 o'clock on the same afternoon, witness again saw her husband in company with James Hartwick. They were going towards James Hartwick's home. Frederick Hartwick was asked by his little girl if he was coming home for supper, but he went on towards James Hartwick's house. This was the last time she saw her husband alive.

"At 7 o'clock, that night James Hartwick came to my place. I asked him where Fred was. He said 'He is all right.' I said, 'Why is he not here?' James Hartwick then said, 'Don't get frightened, I accidentally slipped, and shot him in the back.' I said 'what?' He repeated, 'I accidentally shot him in the back.' I said, 'Is he dead?' He said 'yes' I said, 'If you accidentally slipped and shot him, why don't you go and tell Constable Smith?' He said 'he could not do that or they would take him for his murderer. I said, 'no, they will not, if you did it accidentally.' I said that the body would have to be brought in. I asked him what he had done, and he said he shot him back of the barn. He said if I was going to bring him in he would shoot himself at my door. He said I would not listen to reason; to leave him there and let it look as if he had gone to the States."

"I said 'no' added the witness. 'He has got to be brought in and buried decently, even if I have to die with him. He said, 'don't make any alarm. I will make a few changes. Come up in the morning and ask for Fred. He said for me not to worry. He would take care of myself and the children. I said I could take care of myself, and the children. He said he would watch me, and if I dared to make a move he would shoot me."

Witness Was Afraid. "I was afraid to go and get anyone. This was all the conversation I had with him that night. I then took my little girl and went to bed and cried myself to sleep. This was between 8 and 9 o'clock. In the morning I then went to James Hartwick's house. I took the children with me. James Hartwick told me to go to his place, and I was afraid to go to any other place. James Hartwick, his wife and family three boys and two girls were present. I said to James Hartwick, and his wife 'Where is Fred?' he did not come home. James Hartwick said he would get some person to hunt him up. Hartwick and his wife got a horse and cutter and started out to hunt for Fred. They left about 9 o'clock. In about an hour Mrs. Hartwick came home alone. James Hartwick came in later, and said they had found Fred. A doctor was summoned and an inquest was held."

Forced To Wrong Doing. Questioned further, witness said she was afraid to go home on account of the way the prisoner had acted towards her. The prisoner she said, had forced her into wrong doing, and she was afraid of him. December, 1918, was the first occasion when the prisoner forced her into wrong doing. The prisoner by force had laid claim to a wrongful act upon her in the cow stable, while her husband was sick in bed.

When this offence was first committed, the prisoner said to witness, "Some day, you will be my wife. Witness said, 'no, not unless it is God's will.'"

"I was afraid to tell my husband, what happened," added the witness. He had a terrible temper, and I did not want him to have blood on his hands. This offence was committed again in January in my house. He came in with groceries. He caught me and forced me. The two children

were playing upstairs. My husband was at James Hartwick's working at the time. The prisoner said 'the day will come when you will be my wife, and I said, 'no, never.'"

Questioned further, witness said that she was afraid to tell that the prisoner had admitted shooting her husband. Witness wanted to go to her mother, but the prisoner would not let her go. Witness spoke about killing herself.

Mr. White produced a letter, and showed it to the witness the latter said she had signed the letter as she thought she had to.

Further, the witness declared that the prisoner gave her a bottle of poison to kill herself.

Mr. White produced a bottle and witness said this looked like the one she had, and had given to Dr. Geddes. This was the bottle Mr. Cox had given to Dr. Geddes. The bottle was filled with carbolic acid, and was filled when witness handed it over to Mr. Cox.

"Did Hartwick say what was in it?" "Yes, carbolic acid."

"And he gave it to you to commit suicide?" "Yes."

To Mr. Rigney, Mrs. Hartwick said that the prisoner had persuaded her husband to take up a farm. Witness said she had told all she could remember of what had occurred between herself and the prisoner. Her husband was fond of hunting, and often went out shooting rabbits. James Hartwick went out hunting with her husband on a few occasions. On the Monday night before her husband was killed, he had been out shooting rabbits.

As to her statement that she was afraid the prisoner would shoot her, Mr. Rigney asked the witness if she had told this part before. Witness said "no", that she had forgotten to tell it.

"Why did you not have the body of your husband brought in?" asked Mr. Rigney.

"I was afraid to," said the witness.

Witness did not watch the prisoner leave her home as she was afraid. "Are you honest in this?" asked Mr. Rigney.

"Yes, I am."

Pressed by Mr. Rigney, witness said she made no alarm after the prisoner left her home. She did not even look out of the window as she was afraid of the accused.

Witness declared to Mr. Rigney that she had always been afraid of the prisoner. She was not generally afraid of her husband, but was afraid to tell him how the prisoner had used her. This story she had told to Detective Boyd for the first time.

This letter signed by witness and produced was then taken by Mr. Rigney and he questioned witness as to its contents. Parts of the letter could not be read. Witness declared she could not read one word of the letter. She said the letter did not tell the truth, but that she had been compelled to sign it by the prisoner. The latter made a copy of the letter and then had witness write it with her own hand. The prisoner then had the original copy burned. In this letter witness blamed another man for her trouble. The letter was addressed to "my friends", and the writer spoke about dying in sins, and asked God to forgive her sins, and she would leave her children with her mother.

Witness declared that the prisoner refused to allow her to go to her own home until she had signed the letter referred to.

The court adjourned at 7 p. m. until 8.30 p. m.

Bought Carbolic Acid. Mrs. Elizabeth Wagar, wife of A. C. Wagar, was the first witness called when the case was resumed at 8.30 o'clock. Witness lives at Parham, where her husband keeps a store. She recalled James Hartwick coming into the store after Frederick Hartwick's death and asking for some carbolic acid. He did not get any, as they did not have any in the store.

Questioned by Mr. Rigney, witness said that James Hartwick said he wanted the carbolic acid for his boy, who had been kicked by a horse.

Mrs. R. J. Goodfellow was next called. She said her husband and brother-in-law kept a store at Parham. James Hartwick bought some carbolic acid after Frederick Hartwick's death. Witness did not know what he wanted the carbolic acid for. This she concluded the evidence for the prosecution.

Evidence for Defence. Miss Jennie Hartwick, a daughter of the prisoner, was the first witness called for the defence. She saw her brother, Frederick Hartwick last about 2 p. m. on the day of his death. He and her father went hunting. "Dad did not want to go," said the witness, who said that she saw her father and Fred leave on their hunting trip. Witness was home all afternoon, and saw her father return from the hunt. After he got home, he went out and did the chores. It was 5 o'clock when her father returned. About an hour and a half later, witness saw her father when he came in for supper. Witness asked her father if Fred was coming in to supper, and he said that Fred would go from hunting to his own home. Witness said her brother was ill at this time, suffering from a kick from a horse. After reading a paper for about an hour and a half, her father went to bed. He was not out of the house that night. The next morning two little sisters of the witness left for school, and took some milk with them to leave at Frederick Hartwick's. About 9 o'clock, the children came back with Mrs. Frederick Hartwick. At this time, witness said her father had a team of horses hitched up, waiting for Fred. Witness said her father (Continued on page 14.)

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Mrs. G. Adam and daughter Margaret have returned home from a visit to relatives and friends in Rochester and other cities in the United States. Mrs. F. Ganson and daughter Cristina have enjoyed an extended visit with relatives in Brockville, and Renfrew, have arrived home. George Fritsch spent a few days here at his own home, and Fred. Chaston, also a former Denbigh boy now of Renfrew, is paying a visit to his relatives and friends here. Arthur Ready, who has been in Toronto for some time, has also arrived home. J. Rakin spent a few days visiting his son Adolph at Arnprior. Mr. and Mrs. P. Stein and H. Warlich spent last week end and Sunday visiting relatives and friends at Harwood Lake and Palmer Rapids.

Miss Minna Berger and Victor Wienecke, local merchant, were joined in holy bonds of matrimony in Renfrew on the 18th inst., and are going to hold a reception at the bride's former home this evening.

Miss Gladys Wright of Selby is teaching the village school. Miss Gladys Stein is engaged teaching at Palmer Rapids and Miss Lily Rodger at Glenfield.

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