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DESERET EVENING NEWS.

TRUTH AND LIBERTY.

TUESDAY, JULY 11, 1905. SALT LAKE CITY, UTAH.

MURDER MOTIVE IN DUAL TRAGEDY.

Mrs. Mitchell Told Her Husband Of Intention to Get a Divorce From Him.

FLEW INTO A TERRIBLE PASSION

In Awful Rage He Brandished Knife Over Her Body and Threatened to Cut Her Head Off.

YET WIFE WOULD NOT BELIEVE.

All This Was Some Days Before the Awful Crime—Facts That Came At the Inquest Today.

A motive for the murder of Mrs. Ed. H. Mitchell in bed at her home yesterday morning, and the suicide of her husband in the barn behind the residence at 276 south Seventh West street, shortly afterwards, was found today. Yesterday at 10 o'clock Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell had a date with Atty. Fred T. McCurrin to settle upon the division of their property preparatory to Mrs. Mitchell's filing a suit for a divorce.

Wednesday evening last Mrs. Mitchell told Mr. Mitchell of her intention to get a divorce, and he received the news not calmly, but flew into a rage. He seized Mrs. Mitchell around the waist, threw her to the floor of the room, planted his knee in her chest to hold her there, and then reached into a table drawer neat at hand, and took the carving knife. He told her that he was going to cut her throat, but after 15 minutes of pleading, he released her. While he held her pinned to the floor waving above her the brandished knife, he kept his pipe in his mouth and the hot coals falling from this burned through the skin of her cheeks and neck.

Thursday afternoon she told the story to Mrs. Geo. Moore, an old friend of the family, and Mrs. Moore asked Mitchell what he meant by such actions. To her surprise Mitchell declared he was in dead earnest and meant business, and what he did was all right.

THOUGHT HE WAS BLUFFING.

Mrs. Moore pleaded with Mrs. Mitchell to leave her husband and the home at once, but Mrs. Mitchell declared her husband was only bluffing, and would not hurt her. Thursday afternoon Mrs. Moore and Mrs. Mitchell went up town to meet Mitchell at the corner of Second South and Main streets, leaving them there to return to her home on Sixth street. The Mitchell met to keep an appointment with Attorney McCurrin in regard to settling up the property division. Mrs. Mitchell promised Mrs. Moore to call yesterday and tell her how the property matter came out.

There was a surprising story of wife-hunting brought out in the inquest this morning. All of the relatives of Mrs. Mitchell were examined, but none of them would say that she had ever complained of her husband, or told tales of his cruelty. It was not until the last few weeks that she ever made complaint, and then it was in a tearful letter, telling her sister of the plans for a divorce. Even then she did not give reasons. All witnesses who had been at the Mitchell home testified as to how well it was kept, and in what neat order. Most of them told of feeling sorry that so poor a husband as Mitchell had so good a wife.

SANE UNTIL JULY 4.

Of the character of Mitchell, all witnesses agreed that he had never shown a single sign of insanity, prior to July 4 of this year. His talk, they said, was always rational, and his manner not that of an insane man. He had never been taken as a subject for the insane asylum until July 4. However he had been recently which had distinguished him. This was an occasional appearance of a fit of moodiness and sulken behavior, often terminating in an outburst of anger.

MISTRUSTED HIS WIFE.

Mrs. Ashton told the story already narrated to reporters that she discovered the body. She said she expected the body to be in the same condition as the body of the deceased. It was that Mrs. Mitchell had been holding up the family income, keeping him in the dark regarding its expenditure, and that this was for the purpose of some day leaving him suddenly to return to her former home in the old country. He was convinced it was the intention of Mrs. Mitchell to run away from him some time, and leave him alone. Once at Eureka she wrote a letter and mailed it without reading it to him. He once flew into a rage and attacked her, demanding an explanation that the train was just as bad. It was only a note to his sister. She sent it to the depot by her brother-in-law, Isaac Hubbard.

NOT CAUSE OF INSANITY.

The theory put forth by a morning paper that the mental derangement resulted from an accident in Eureka, in which a rig he was driving tipped over, was pressed by the prosecuting attorney, but witnesses declared that his moodiness and tendencies to anger were as pronounced before than as they ever have been since. They said he was continually angry, and was going to use it, with advised Mrs. Mitchell to secure a divorce.

Mrs. George Moore saw the Mitchell on Thursday, when Mitchell talked rationally, but threatened murder to Mrs. Mitchell and justified his terrible act of the night before, after Mrs. Mitchell had described it to her in the presence of Mitchell and his son. Mitchell's pipe on her face and neck burns caused by the tobacco. The pipe was broken in the family well at Eureka, and knew Mitchell as a temperate man, who drank but slightly and was never intoxicated.

MEETING OF RELATIVES.

The present trouble, which culminated in the murder and suicide Monday morning, began on the Fourth of July. Prior to that date Mrs. Mitchell went to Eureka to sell the property belonging to the family. On arriving she sent the following affectionate letter to her husband:

"Dear Husband—Just a few lines to let you know I arrived here quite safe and found them all well. They were at the depot, children and all. I

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OLD GLORY WAVED AT ST. GEORGE.

SEEN BY THE SHERIFF.

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he you are well. I am not feeling well today. . . . From your loving wife,

E. A. MITCHELL."

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On the Fourth of July Mitchell appeared in Eureka after his strange disappearance from Salt Lake. He was walked into the sheriff, and declared he had walked from Salt Lake City. The reason the time was written up extensively in the papers. He saw Mrs. Mitchell on the street on July 5 but did not speak to her. When he got the train for Salt Lake that afternoon, he refused to go to the depot to say goodbye, but left Mr. Hubbard with whom he was on the way to the depot to go down town to a saloon. She took the Rio Grande train to Springville, and then on into Salt Lake, while Mitchell disappeared. It afterwards being learned that he had taken the San Pedro train to the city.

"TO SWIM IN BLOOD."

When Isaac Hubbard found Mitchell in Eureka on the Fourth he invited him to come home and have something to eat, which Mitchell refused. He was seen by the sheriff, and declared he had walked from Salt Lake City. The reason the time was written up extensively in the papers. He saw Mrs. Mitchell on the street on July 5 but did not speak to her. When he got the train for Salt Lake that afternoon, he refused to go to the depot to say goodbye, but left Mr. Hubbard with whom he was on the way to the depot to go down town to a saloon. She took the Rio Grande train to Springville, and then on into Salt Lake, while Mitchell disappeared. It afterwards being learned that he had taken the San Pedro train to the city.

Stars and Stripes Flung to the Breeze on the Fourth as On Other Days.

TRIBUNE STORY WHOLLY FALSE.

But There was No Public Celebration, As Town Was Just Emerging From A Smallpox Epidemic.

Under a double column in the Tribune this morning made the most of an attempt to brand the "Mormons" with disloyalty by calling attention to the fact that at St. George, Utah, there was no public celebration of July 4, because, "sooth, the city is dominated by the Hierarch." In the laborious article, the sheet attributes this exhibition of "un-Americanism" to the influence of President Joseph F. Smith and cites as its authority to the matter the *Utah Advocate*. In this paper it prints a criticism of the city attributed to their intention to the day, and particularly for "the silence of the old field piece on the hill and the absence of Old Glory in its accustomed place." The criticism, however, closed with an apology and the announcement that "patriotism was not dead but sleeping, and awake in time to get the flag at half mast."

WHAT THE FACTS ARE.

In view of the attempt to thus brand the "Mormons" with disloyalty, the facts in the case may not be altogether amiss. It is well known that for some time past St. George and vicinity have been under quarantine for smallpox, and that all kinds of public gatherings have been dispensed with on account. It is no surprise therefore to find that the celebration of the national holiday was not held, but that, of course, would not justify lack of attention to Old Glory. Nor did it, as witness the following from the "News" correspondent at St. George under date of yesterday:

"Dear Sister and Brother—Yours just received, and in reply will say I rec'd yours all right. Ed. was home just five minutes ahead of me. We are having lots of trouble, the reasons I have not been able to write. I have entered my complaint and it will be heard at the beginning of the week in court. But please don't say anything about this, we have been so soon enough for them to know when it comes out. So please keep cool and let things go. I will tell you the rest when things are over with, which will not be long. Good bye, and awake in time to get the flag at half mast."

E. A. MITCHELL."

This letter with the other testimony carries the trend of events right up to the day before the tragedy, and seems to explain it satisfactorily.

MANY WITNESSES AT INQUEST.

The coroner's jury which was empaneled yesterday afternoon made a perfunctory inspection of the premises and the bodies at Evans' undertaking parlor. This morning at 10 o'clock they met in the courtroom of Justice of the Peace Anna T. Smith, who is acting as presiding justice.

The jury consisted of William Levine, Sidney H. Phillips, and Willie Green. Officer Palmer was present with the butchersknife which was found in Mitchell's room, and not in the dead woman's neck as stated in our version. He also had the small rope with which Mitchell hung himself.

The witnesses were Donald Keenan, a neighbor of Mrs. Mitchell; Edward Palmer, a police officer who first entered the house; Mrs. Hannah Ashby, the aged woman who discovered the dead body of Mrs. Mitchell on making a call Monday noon at the home; Isaac Hubbard, a brother-in-law of Mrs. Mitchell, who lives at Eureka; Mrs. Hubbard, a half sister of Mrs. Mitchell; Oscar Hershey, a railroad man at Eureka; Mrs. William Sherratt, a near neighbor of the Mitchell's, Salt Lake; John William Smith, his employer living in Eureka, and Mrs. George Moore, a friend living in Salt Lake. The visitors who were seen to call at the Mitchell home Sunday evening were located today and an adjournment was taken at noon to secure their appearance, before a final verdict was rendered by the jury.

There has been an epidemic of smallpox prevalent here for the past month, and accordingly quarantines have been kept up. Public assemblies were abandoned, and no arrangements were made for a public celebration of the Fourth of July. Old Glory, however, floated from private residences, and the boys celebrated with much fervor. The flag was not raised on Liberty pole until late in the morning, owing to the pole being out of repair. All morning was spent in making it safe and when this was done the flag was flown to the breeze as it had done previously.

"ISAAC C. MACFARLANE'S STORY.

This is the first time in our history that a public celebration of the Fourth of July has not been held, but on account of the smallpox having spread considerably. It was thought best not to have a public gathering."

MAJOR MACFARLANE'S STORY.

In addition to the above, the following statement from Major Isaac C. Macfarlane is quite interesting:

"Our major lieutenant, whose duty it was to raise the flag on one Liberty pole, was unavoidably detained, and did not arrive in time to raise the flag at sunrise. On the morning of the Fourth of July he was called to the fact that the flag had not been raised, and I immediately attempted to do the work myself, but found that the pole was out of repair and the gearing down, and it took us half a day to repair it. As soon as possible the flag was raised as high as we could get it, to, within, perhaps, five feet of the top, the pole being 75 feet high. I superintended the work personally, in order that Old Glory should this year float to the breeze as it had done previously."

FRANK M. FULLER DEAD.

He Was Secretary of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

C. M. SCHWAB INSTRUCTED TO MAKE PLANS FOR NEW WHARVES.

NEW RUSSIAN NAVY.

NEW SYSTEM OF PREPARING THEM PUT IN FORCE TODAY.

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