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A Terrible Charge.

BY TALLIE MORGAN.

(In the Domestic Journal.)

"Prisoner at the bar, have you any thing to say why sentence of death shall not be passed upon you?"

A solemn hush fell over the crowded court-room, and every person waited in breathless expectation for an answer to the judge's question.

"Will the prisoner answer?"

Is there nothing that will make him show some sign of emotion?

Will he maintain the cold, indifferent attitude that he has shown through the long trial, even to the place of execution?

Such were the questions that passed through the minds of those who had followed the case from day to day.

The judge still waited in dignified silence.

Not a whisper was heard anywhere, and the situation had become painfully oppressive, when the prisoner was seen to move, his head was raised, his hands were clenched, and the blood had rushed into his pale, careworn face, his teeth were firmly set, and into his haggard eyes came a flash of light.

Suddenly, he arose to his feet, and in a low, firm but distinct voice, said:

"I have! Your honor, you have asked me a question, and I now ask, as the last favor on earth, that you will not interrupt my answer until I am through."

"I stand before this bar, convicted of the willful murder of my wife. Truthful witnesses have testified to the fact that I was a loafer, a drunkard and a wretch; that I returned from one of my debauches and fired the fatal shot that killed the wife I had sworn to love, cherish and protect. While I have no remembrance of committing the fearful cowardly and inhuman deed, I have no right to complain or condemn the verdict of the twelve good men who have acted as jurors in this case, for their verdict is in accordance with the evidence.

"But, may it please the court, I wish to show that I am not alone responsible for the murder of my wife!"

This startling statement created a tremendous sensation. The judge leaned over the desk, the lawyers wheeled around and faced the prisoner; the jurors looked at each other in amazement, while the spectators could hardly suppress their intense excitement. The prisoner paused a few seconds, and then continued in the same, firm, distinct voice:

"I repeat, your honor, I am not the only guilty of the murder of my wife. The judge on this bench, the jury in the box, the lawyers within this bar, and most of the witnesses, including the pastor of the old church, are also guilty before Almighty God, and will have to appear with me before the Judgment Throne, where we all shall be righteously judged.

"If twenty men conspire together for the murder of one person, the law-power of this land will arrest the twenty, and each will be tried, convicted and executed for a whole murder, and not one-twentieth of the crime.

"I have been made a drunkard by law. If it had not been for the legalized saloons of my town, I never would have been a drunkard; my wife would not have been murdered; I would not be here, ready to be hurled into eternity. Had it not been for the human traps set out with the consent of the government, I would have been a sober man, an industrious workman, a tender father and a loving husband. But to-day my home is destroyed, my wife murdered, my little children—God bless and care for them—cast on the mercy of a cold and cruel world, while I am to be murdered by the strong arm of the State.

"God knows, I tried to reform,

but as long as the open saloon was in my pathway, my weak, diseased will-power was no match against the fearful, consuming, antagonizing appetite for liquor. At last, I sought the protection, care and sympathy of the church of Jesus Christ, but at the communion table I received from the hand of the pastor, who sits there and who has testified against me in this case, the cup that contained the very same alcoholic serpent that is found in every bar room in the land. It proved too much for my weak humanity, and out of that holy place I rushed to the last debauch that ended with the murder of my wife.

"For one year our town was without a saloon. For one year I was a sober man. For one year my wife and children were supremely happy, and our little home a perfect paradise.

"I was one of those who signed a remonstrance against re-opening the saloons in our town. The names of one-half this jury can be found to-day on the petition certifying to the good moral character (?) of the rum-sellers, and falsely saying that the sale of liquors was 'necessary' in our town. The prosecuting attorney on this case was the one that so eloquently pleaded with this court for license, and the judge who sits on this bench, and who asked me if I had anything to say before sentence of death was passed on me, granted the license."

The impassioned words of the prisoner fell like coals of fire upon the hearts of those present, and many of the spectators and some of the lawyers were moved to tears. The judge made a motion as if to stop any further speech on the part of the prisoner, when the speaker hastily said:—

"No! no! your honor, do not close my lips; I am nearly through, and they are the last words I shall speak on earth."

"I began my downward career at a saloon bar—legalized and protected by the voters of this Commonwealth, which has received annually a part of the blood-money from the poor, deluded victims. After the State had made me a drunkard and a murderer, I am taken before another bar—the bar of justice (?) by the same power of law that legalized the first bar, and now the law-power will conduct me to the place of execution and hasten my soul into eternity.

I shall appear before another bar—the judgment bar of God, and there you, who have legalized the traffic, will have to appear with me. Think you that the Great Judge will hold me—the poor, weak helpless victim of your traffic—alone responsible for the murder of my wife? Nay, I, in my drunken, frenzied, irresponsible condition, have murdered but one, but you have deliberately and willfully murdered your thousands, and the murder mills are in full operation to-day with your consent.

"All of you know in your hearts that these words of mine are not the raving of an unsound mind, but God Almighty's truth. The liquor traffic of this nation is responsible for nearly all the murders, bloodsheds, riots, poverty, misery, wretchedness and woe. It breaks up thousands of happy homes every year; sends the husband and father to prison or to the gallows, and drives countless mothers and little children into the world to suffer and die. It furnishes nearly all the criminal business of this and every other court, and blasts every community it touches.

"You legalized the saloons that made me a drunkard and a murderer, and you are guilty with me before God and man for the murder of my wife.

"Your honor, I am done. I am now ready to receive my sentence and be led forth to the place of

execution, and murdered according to the laws of this State. You will close by asking the Lord to have mercy on my soul. I will close by solemnly asking God to open your blind eyes to the truth, to your individual responsibility, so that you will cease to give your support to this hell-born traffic."

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He Got the Boots.

The ex-Confederate telegraph operator, whose name I do not recall, but who died at Nashville last week with his hand on the key, had many friends here. A Southern woman told me yesterday that she knew him well and he was incidentally the promoter of her marriage. One of her brothers was in Morgan's command, and, as the family lived in Nelson county, he and some of his friends often paid stealthy visits to the house and got food and information. On one occasion a well-known Southern sympathizer was about to send a lot of supplies to the Confederates, and this fact becoming known to the Federals here, they telegraphed, ordering his arrest. The lady's brother and the young telegraph operator heard of this and hastening to the railroad, they cut the wires and saved the Southern sympathizer, who subsequently met and married the sister of his preserver. This young soldier was once captured and taken to Louisville in irons, as he was considered a desperate character, able in contriving prison escapes. While here Dr. Mary Walker was curious to see him and secured a permit to do so. When she saw the desperate raider was a beardless boy of seventeen she was much touched and asked what she could do for him. "Well, Dr. Walker," said the boy, looking at the top boots she was wearing. "I would be mightily obliged for those boots of yours." He got them, and can boast that he has stood in Dr. Mary Walker's shoes. —Tattler in Louisville Times.

A Fiendish Attack.

An attack was lately made on C. F. Collier, of Cherokee, Iowa, that nearly proved fatal. It came through his kidneys. His back got so lame he could not stoop without great pain, nor sit in a chair except propped by cushions. No remedy helped him until he tried Electric Bitters which effected such a wonderful change that he writes he feels like a new man. This marvelous medicine cures backache and kidney trouble, purifies the blood and builds up your health. Only 50c at T. E. Paul's Drug Store.

JOPPA.

There are more preparations being made in this community for tobacco raising than for a number of years.

Miss Nancy Cravens, Russell Springs is visiting Mrs. Mary Montgomery.

Mrs. Susie Holladay, who has been sick for some days is no better at this writing.

Messrs. A. Willis, Jas. Willis, H. P. Barger and W. W. Brockman were jurors on the Tarter-Redman case, Jamestown.

Mrs. Mollie Holladay has been suffering for the past week from a sprained wrist.

Mrs. Mattie G. Hurt has been visiting Mrs. W. W. Jones, of Columbia for the past week.

The farmers of this neighborhood have lost quite a number of sheep during the recent cold spell.

Bottom & Robinson, Perryville, passed through this place last week with 82 head of cattle which they purchased on Crocus at 4 cents.

Anderson Holladay engaged 16 head of cattle to Bottom & Robinson at 4c, to be delivered next fall.

Mr. W. E. Holladay gave a candy pullug last Tuesday night in honor of his 23rd birthday. Misses Mary and Fanny Holladay, of this neighborhood attended and reported a jolly time.

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Mrs. Depoyster, recently married, died at Sturgis of spinal meningitis.

STATE NEWS.

James M. Davidson, a farmer of Barren county, committed suicide at Springfield, Mo.

John Cohen, an aged bachelor, was found dead in his bed at his boarding house in Louisville.

Mr. George Davie, a prominent lawyer of Louisville, died of sarcoma last week in New York.

Miss Lela Farris, of Graves county, was thrown from a vehicle and possibly fatally injured.

Charles Schilling, Chief of Police at Newport, fell dead in his office. Death was caused by hemorrhage of the lungs.

Elijah Brewer, of Jackson county, while taking a raft of logs down a creek, was thrown into the water and drowned.

Warden Smith, of the Eddyville penitentiary, refused to release Golden Trotter, a convict pardoned by Gov. Taylor last week.

The twelve-year-old daughter of P. M. Copeland, at Mayfield, accidentally shot and killed herself while toying with her father's pistol.

Miss Maggie Duff, of Greenup, aged 25 years, was subject to fits, and in the absence of the family fell into the fire and was burned to death.

C. D. Carter, aged 40 years, and Martha May Hinkle, aged 19, an eloping couple from Louisville, were married in Lexington Sunday afternoon by the County Judge.

Patents issued to Kentuckians: Wm. S. Dycus and W. E. Peay, Kuttawa; tobacco truck; Morris W. Vetau, Bowling Green, assignor to M. E. Womas, Cassaday, artificial bait.

In a quarrel over cards W. J. Brown of Harlan county, was stabbed and perhaps fatally injured by DeGrady Montague, of Bell county, on a train near Junction City.

Samuel G. Boyle, Louisville, has sold his interest in the Kentucky Stock Farm Publishing Company, Lexington, to Desha Breckinridge, manager of the Lexington Daily Herald.

Thomas Shyrook, aged 45 years, shot himself through the heart Sunday afternoon, at his home in Tyrone, Washington county. He had been drinking for several days. He leaves a wife and seven children.

G. J. Marcum, a prominent farmer of Wayne county, was killed by being thrown from a wagon by a runaway team he was driving. His body was caught between the wagon and a tree. A leg was torn from his body and his death was instantaneous.

A. R. Nash, charged with passing counterfeit money, made a statement at Beaver Dam implicating Arthur Nash, his nephew. Both are in jail at Hartford. A sack containing fourteen newly made dollars was found in the sully which conveyed Nash to Hartford.

The tax levy for Menifee county this year will be about 20 cents ad valorem and 20 cents poll tax. The county has a surplus of about \$800 from last year. The claims allowed for the whole county expenses were less than \$1,500, which includes the salary of all officers.

Thirteen Danville women have organized a chapter of the daughters of the American Revolution, to be named after the Old St. Asaph fort or settlement, which dates back before the formation of the State of Kentucky. Miss Nannie Green was elected Historian of the chapter.

At Nicholasville, Joseph Mitchell, a negro, appeared before County Judge Phillips and declared himself to be legally elected Governor of Kentucky. He said he needed no bodyguard, but he asked that he be given his rights. He was adjudged insane and sent to the asylum.

A shocking tragedy resulted from a fight which arose over a game of traps in a "blind tiger" at Corbin. George Harp was shot and killed by Lieut. Abner Early, of the Corbin militia company, and Early and James Sulfrige were each wounded in the left arm. Early recently returned with company from Frankfort.

At Franklin Miss Sallie E. Winham has filed a breach of promise suit against William D. Hunt. She alleges in her petition she exhibited "great devotion for her and made many promises of love, on which she relied and agreed to marry him." She expended money in arranging to have the marriage solemnized. Miss Winham asserts that Hunt refused to carry out their agreement, and she wants \$5,000. Hunt is a member of an influential family and has money.

GENERAL NEWS.

Col. Thos. Fletcher, the leader of the Populist party in Arkansas, is dead.

Benj. Wood, proprietor of the New York Daily News, died last week.

The black plague is prevailing at Honolulu and other cities of the Hawaiian group.

Martial law has been declared in Costa Rica, as an invasion is expected from Nicaragua.

Dan Rice, the veteran circus clown, died in New York City at the age of 77.

Floyd Merrill, two weeks married, committed suicide at Scottsburg, Ind., by taking morphine.

Suool, the mare for which Robert Bonner paid \$41,000, was sold at public sale in New York city for \$4,000.

William Holbrook Beard, a well known painter of animals, died in New York recently.

Washington's birthday was celebrated in many parts of the country with appropriate ceremonies.

Dr. Leslie Keeley, the originator of the "gold cure," died suddenly at Los Angeles, Cal.

Life imprisonment is the punishment meted out to Glay Larkin, a baseball player, who killed a man with a bat at Batavia, O.

Convicts on the Marlboro county, S. C., chain gang killed Amos Carter, a guard, with an ax, and three of eight prisoners escaped.

Near Benton Harbor, Mich., Allen Geisler, a well-to-do German farmer and fruit grower, shot his wife and then drowned himself in Lake Michigan. Mrs. Geisler was shot in the head, but may recover.

Capt. V. A. Rankin, a prominent steamboatman, died at Gallipolis, O., from blood poison resulting from wearing colored hose.

Since the outbreak of the South African war and before Gen. Roberts took command the British loss has been 10,505 men killed, wounded and missing.

Wn Ting Fan, the Chinese Minister, was the principal orator at the dedication of the new law school of the University of Pennsylvania last week.

Mrs. Musa Marcus, daughter of former Circuit Judge McBryer, of Kentucky, was divorced in New York from Henry Marcus, son of a Baltimore millionaire.

The Southern Baptist Convention will meet at Hot Springs, Ark., the second week in May; the Southern Presbyterian General Assembly will meet at Atlanta, Ga., the third week in May.

At Mead, Neb., Lee Johnson sold his store and received about \$7,000 in payment. He left the money in his trouser's pocket when he went to bed. When he woke in the morning his clothes and money were gone.

A jury in the Criminal Court at Kansas City gave Ed Simms, a negro footpad, a forty year sentence in the penitentiary for snatching a white woman's pocket-book. Two jurors wanted to give him a life sentence.

Regarding the rumors of intervention in the South African war by the United States and Germany, announcement is made at Washington that the United States will not intervene unless requested by both parties to the war.

\$110,000 damage suit of Arthur Grissom, poet, against Dr. W. S. Woods, of Kansas City, for alienating his wife's affections, has been compromised by the payment of \$30,000 to Grissom and the granting of a divorce to Mrs. Grissom, who is a daughter of Dr. Woods.

The Convention Hall in Kansas City where the National Democratic Convention will be held in July, has a seating capacity of nearly 30,000 and with standing room the building is capable of holding more than 22,000. The arena alone seats 4,000. The building was erected at a cost of \$225,000, which was raised entirely by public subscription.

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