

BRUTAL RUFFIANISM.

THE DAUGHTER OF A CANADIAN SHERIFF ABDUCTED BY A REJECTED SUITOR— HIS UNMANLY CONDUCT, AND THE UNWOMANLY BRUTALITY OF HIS DAUGHTER.

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On Wednesday evening, July 25th, Miss Carr, a niece of Sheriff Gow, received a letter, dated Thorold, purporting to have been written by her father, in which it stated that he had occasion to visit Guelph on business for two or three days and that he would be very much pleased to have an interview with her at Well's bridge, on the Edinburg road, on the Thursday evening following. The letter also stated that a cab could be in waiting for her at the bridge, and that if her father was not in it she could get in and be driven to him. This appeared all reasonable enough. At half-past six o'clock on Thursday she left Mr. McGregg's store and proceeded, although not directly, to Well's bridge. After waiting there a short time a cab was driven up, on which Harry Pearson, a cab driver for Mr. Jas. Ewing, and a stranger to her, were sitting. It has since been learned that the stranger was one Wm. Lowes, who has been arrested as one mixed up in the outrage. Lowes at once jumped off the cab at the bridge, and, addressing Miss Carr, stated that he supposed she was the young lady he was sent for, and invited her to get in the cab. She, suspecting nothing wrong, at once complied with the request, and was driven around Mr. Gow's bush, across the bridge to Gov's mills, and as far as Sallow's blacksmith shop, on the corner of Wellington and Gordon streets, where the horses were drawn partly up and Pearson jumped off. Lowes drove the cab on until nearly in front of the skating rink on Wellington street, where F. Sturdy and his daughter Louise were standing, one on each side of the sidewalk, when the horses were stopped, and Sturdy and his daughter rushed one to each side of the carriage and entered it. The fact of the parties arranging that one should take each side of the cab prevented her making her escape. As soon as they entered the cab she screamed, and Sturdy at once roughly threw her back and ordered her to be quiet. Stunned, doubtless, at the stage affairs had taken and the attitude Sturdy, her rejected lover, had assumed toward her, she did not again cry out for a moment. She, however, again screamed for help as the cab turned up Hunkison street, and a man named Hall heard her. This party followed the carriage up, not noticing, however, that it had turned up Surrey street at a dashing pace. She was driven along Surrey and Neve streets and the York road, Sturdy all the time holding her back on the seat so that she could not give the alarm. They were driven over the Victoria bridge, and when in front of Mr. F. McQuillan's house she succeeded in giving a loud cry for help. She was, however, immediately gagged with a handkerchief, and when the driver saw some of the parties coming toward the road he urged his horses on at a lively pace, thus escaping from being headed off. At this juncture Sturdy asked his daughter if she had her handkerchief ready. She at once produced it with a bottle, and then she tried to put the handkerchief over Miss Carr's mouth. She, terrified at being gagged, as she thought she was about to be, struggled violently, so much so, in fact, that she prevented the handkerchief being placed to her nostrils. Sturdy then asked for a bottle of wine, which was produced; but Miss Carr being afraid to drink, refused. The daughter attempted to force her, when she knocked the bottle to one side and spilled some of it. Sturdy then said, "You hold her, Louise, and I will stop her screaming." He then brutally forced the bottle in her mouth, and, grasping her nose, forced her to swallow some of the liquor. The journey was continued toward Paslinch Plains, and turning, the Brook road was struck at Hamilton's Corners. About a mile and a half below Wei's a carriage, driven by a son of Sturdy, came up, and Miss Carr was dragged from the cab to the carriage, at the same time uttering piteous cries for mercy, praying to be taken back home. When she was put back into the carriage Sturdy's daughter drove, while Sturdy himself sat in the back seat holding Miss Carr a prisoner. Hamilton was reached about half-past two o'clock on Friday morning, and the party drove to a small house in a secluded part of the suburbs, in which there was no furniture except a bed, a wash-stand and a cooking-stove. On Friday afternoon the daughter returned to Guelph, and went to Hamilton again on Saturday morning. Miss Carr was kept in the house by Sturdy until Saturday at noon, he threatening to kill or destroy her unless she consented to marry him. She was forcibly thrown on the floor and wine forced down her throat. This cruel conduct was repeated until she was thoroughly exhausted, and when she consented, after being threatened, she asked him to wait a few hours. He answered, "No, you expect to be rescued. I am not going to the penitentiary for you. If nothing else can be done we will both die." Sturdy also told her that he was not afraid of being found out. The painter that drove the cab was sworn not to divulge, and the only other persons that knew anything about the affair were members of his own family. He finally took a small vial out of his pocket, and, after telling her that there was

enough poison in it to kill six men, said if she would not go to the minister's at once and be married, he would force her to drink half of the liquid and he could drink the other half. She, almost demented, consented, and along with Sturdy and his daughter, proceeded to the residence of Rev. D. H. Fletcher, where they were married. Sturdy's daughter and the minister's sister were the witnesses to the ceremony. Miss Carr states that the reason she did not refuse to be married was she was afraid Sturdy would kill her, and if she should tell the minister he would kill all of them. On Saturday afternoon Constables Hart and Conway were dispatched, with a warrant, on the trail of Sturdy. They succeeded in tracing him as far as Hamilton, where they found that he had the team of horses he drove down with stabled at the American hotel stables. No one about the hotel knew where Sturdy was stopping, but as he had left word that he wanted the horses harnessed at five o'clock on Sunday afternoon, the constables resolved to wait until he turned up. At four o'clock Sheriff Gow arrived at Hamilton, and, with the constables, waited until about fifteen minutes past five o'clock, when Sturdy called for the horses. He was at once arrested and taken to the police-station. While there it was ascertained that the number of the house at which he had been stopping with Miss Carr was No. 104 Locomotive street. Mr. Gow at once drove out to the place and found his niece in a semi-demented condition, but thankful that she had been rescued. She, however, was still afraid to venture out of the house, for fear of being killed. Mr. Gow finally managed to soothe her somewhat, and she was driven back to Guelph in a carriage, reaching here at eleven o'clock on Sunday night. The constable brought Sturdy back to Guelph and placed him in jail, the lockup being considered an unfit place in which to imprison any human being. Sturdy's daughter was arrested this morning about two o'clock and placed in confinement. This morning Miss Carr is in a delirious condition, screaming in her delirium for some person to rescue her. Dr. Keating is attending her, and states that it will be some time before she will be in a condition to be examined at the police court.

MRS. STEWART'S CATHEDRAL.

The corner-stone of Mrs. Stewart's Episcopal Cathedral, which is to be built with the late A. T. Stewart's money, was laid by Bishop Littlejohn at Garden City, Long Island. The HERALD says: "Near the front of the platform by the side of Judge Hilton sat Mrs. A. T. Stewart, clothed in deep black. She listened with lively interest to all that was said, keeping her eyes fixed upon the floor, and at intervals applying her handkerchief to her eyes as if moved by some passing allusions to her late husband. A room was set apart for her use at the hotel, and after the ceremony, the bishop, Judge Hilton and one or two personal friends lunched there with her. About the room were distributed bouquets and baskets of fragrant tube-roses and lilies, and the mantel was decorated with a splendid oblong floral emblem bearing in the centre the monogram 'I. H. S.'"

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The basement will be fitted up as a Sunday school room with a 14 feet ceiling. Below the organ and robing room and chancel the basement will be separated from the Sunday school room and fitted up as a mortuary chapel and crypt for the reception of the remains of Mr. A. T. Stewart. The crypt will be 16 feet across and 18 feet in its extreme height. Two sides are occupied by the windows

and one by the doors, and the other five sides are occupied by niches. The apartment will be lined with marble, and at each corner clusters of granite columns, in different tints, will support the white marble sides and ceiling. In the centre of the ceiling an octagonal glass-light will open into the room above. In the centre of the crypt two stone sacophagi will rest with their feet toward the bronze gate at the entrance. One will contain the remains of Mr. Stewart, and the other Mrs Stewart will occupy after her death. About \$20,000 will be expended on the paneling and finishing of the crypt.

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