

THE RANCE BROTHERS.

Their Appearance in Court and in Prison—A Short Sketch.

The New Orleans Democrat gives the following in regard to the De Rance Brothers, who, it will be remembered, murdered Edwin C. Mix, of that city, one day last week. They believed Mix guilty of having seduced their sister, and while inflamed with revengeful passions, took his life in a cold and bloodthirsty manner. Subsequent developments seem to indicate that Mix was innocent, some miserable scoundrel having, it is said, assumed his name to accomplish a cruel wrong without danger of punishment. The Democrat says:

After eighteen hours of anguish and terror in a cell in the fifth precinct station, the three accused, wearing a careworn and haggard look, appeared yesterday before Judge Miltenberger, to be arraigned for the murder of Mix. They all pleaded not guilty, and were escorted by Capt. Zach Bachemin and Court officer Kathman to a carriage in waiting, and driven to the parish prison.

On arrival at the prison they were taken to the hall and located in the room styled by the prisoners the "Star Chamber," and in this room that they were visited by the reporter. Ferdinand, the eldest brother, is a man of splendid physique, has a good face and a bright, black, piercing eye. He wears a slight black moustache and short side whiskers. At the time of the entrance of the reporter he appeared to be suffering considerable torture, which showed in his sunken and bleared eyes.

On an old wooden bench sat Armand Rance, who seemed occupied in picking his nails. He was quiet, spoke not a word, but appeared to be nervous. He is a well built man, with square shoulders, regular features and dark hazel eyes.

Reclining in an easy position on a cot, with half of his face hid in one of his hands, was the youngest of the three brothers, Henri de Rance. He seemed perfectly unconcerned, and frequently his countenance was wreathed in smiles. He is a heartless boy of small stature, has raven black curly hair, and a coal black eye, which rolls in the sockets, and bespeaks plainly the determined character of the youth.

They were all unanimous in saying that they had no statement to make beyond that which has been published in the papers. And here a short sketch of the De Rance brothers will not prove uninteresting. There are four De Rance brothers, Fernand, Armand, Sydney and Henri. The eldest, Fernand, has from boyhood been noted for his quick temper and violent disposition. The quietest is Sydney. Fernand has had countless disputes and fights. Two years ago he shot at Edgar Bonigny on the steps of the French Opera House during the intermission. He fired three or four times. One ball struck a button off Bonigny's vest, and the other shots hurt no one, though there were many ladies and gentlemen going up and down the steps. The difficulty was caused by a previous misunderstanding between Armand De Rance and Bonigny. Fernand shot again at Bonigny, it is said, during the constitutional convention election. He also had a shooting affair some months ago with one of the employes of Sarrazin's tobacco factory. Armand and Henri were also in many scrapes, which, however, were of minor importance as the world goes.

After this visit the reporter withdrew, and on leaving the prison during the course of his rambles met some of the intimate friends of the Rance Brothers. They did not hesitate to justify them in the killing of Mix. They place it upon the grounds that he was a married man, and had no business where he was, and that, as he had been warned and heeded it not the summary retribution wreaked upon him was deserved.

When asked where anything criminal was proved against Mix they place it at the door of his brother Franklin, and ask him for the answer. They say that until the surviving brother proves beyond peradventure his brother's innocence, they, as well as all the friends of the Rance brothers, will stand by them.

The prisoners say they dare not speak, for they have a fight to make for their necks, and they might make a statement that would prove disastrous in the future; while on the other hand, Mix is free to divulge the whole affair.

From other conversations had the general feeling in the community appears to be against the brothers. What seems to arouse public opinion against them to the highest degree is the savage nature of the assault, particularly in its culmination, the testimony showing that most of the stabbing was done after Mix was down. The five wounds mentioned in the doctor's certificate were only those that were the immediate cause of death, but there were twenty odd knife stabs, all told; some in the neck, on both arms, a number of scalp wounds and a few scratches or small wounds on the body. These are supposed to have been inflicted by the younger brother, for one witness says that in the death struggle, while the young man was on him plying the knife, Mix had seized Henri De Rance by the neck and clasped it desperately as in a vice until the two other brothers released him.

It is now asserted by a gentleman who claims to be a friend of the De Rance family that Edwin C. Mix was a victim of mistaken identity, and that the De Rance brothers killed the wrong man. They say that the man who had really been flirting with Miss Rance used the name of Mr. Mix to escape detection.

This they attempt to show by the fact that first the flirtation was discovered, and this was followed by the three brothers calling at the residence of Mr. Mix, and then at the firm of John I. Adams & Co., where Mix was employed.

Failing to find Mix they returned home, and in the mean time, Mix, hearing of their visits, informed his brother that his name had been connected with an affair wherein a young lady was concerned. He said that he was innocent, and expressing a desire to call at the house to explain the matter to the De Rances, his brother concluded to accompany him.

The mission was to all appearances a peaceful one, as they brought no weapons with them. Their story is that after the conversation on the steps (which remains as much of a mystery as before), Miss Rance, seeing her brothers return to their room, arm themselves and sally out and who was unwilling to see an innocent man killed, ran into the street in order to stay her brothers, but was stopped by the shot alleged to have been directed against her by her brother.

HOW WATTY GOT MARRIED.

Chambers Journal. A middy in the royal navy, he went ashore at Portsmouth with some messmates, and there made merry until the funds were exhausted, and a long bill run up at a tavern at the Point. The signal was made for all hands on board, but when the careless middies would have obeyed it, the landlady intervened, vowing they should not leave until the reckoning was paid, and called a bailiff and his men to show she was in earnest.

The youngsters threatened and entreated all to no purpose. The obstinate woman reminded them that they would be irretrievably ruined if they sailed without them, and pronounced her ultimatum. Said she to her horrified debtors: "I will give you all a chance. I am so circumstanced here that I cannot very well carry on my business as a single woman, and I must contrive somehow to get a husband, or at all events, be able to produce a marriage certificate. Now the only terms upon which I will set you free are that one of you marries me. I don't care a snap which it is; but one of you I will have for a husband or else to jail you all go and your ship sails without you." Finding the vixen immovable, the unhappy midshipmen cast lots, and Watty drew the fatal slip. The lady procured a license and the knot was tied; after which she had them, husband included, good-bye, intimating that she did not want to see him again, the marriage lines being all she wanted, and these were in her possession. The ship sailed, the middies keeping their strange doings at the Point a strict secret, as they had sworn to do before drawing lots. Twelve months later, when the ship was at Jamaica, a batch of English papers reached the midshipmen's berth. Glancing over them, Watty was attracted by an account of a robbery and murder at Portsmouth, and the execution of the culprits. Suddenly leaping to his feet, he waved the welcome newspaper above his head, shouting: "Thank heaven, my wife's hanged!"

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