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## THE KILLING OF CAREY.

O'Donnell's Own Statement of the Affair to a Newspaper Reporter.

The Central News has been allowed to transcribe from documents in the possession of O'Donnell's friends the story of the occurrence on board the steamship *Melrose*, chiefly as narrated by the prisoner in the course of an interview. O'Donnell, at every opportunity inveighs bitterly against the versions of the shooting as a premeditated and unprovoked affair put forward by the crown. He asserts that young Carey has invented in after-thought the most important part of his evidence. From Londonderry, he says, he went by way of Belfast and Liverpool, and thence to London, where he booked in his own name for the Cape. He declared that until after they touched at Cape Town he knew no more about Carey or thought about him "than the man that never was born."

"Did you not hear him discussed when you were in Ireland?" "Oh, a hundred times; and I said about him what everyone else was saying. I heard so much about him that I knew the Phenix park affair was only a small part of the murders he did or had a hand in, and I used to say, 'hanging would be too good for him.'"

"It was no idea about him carried you to South Africa?" "That can be proved, for I had told my friends soon after I came to Ireland this year I would give up America and go to the Cape or Australia. I would not go in one ship with Carey for \$100,000 if I knew of it. I would expect the ship to sink."

"Had you no suspicions on the voyage out?" "No. The thought of his being Carey never once occurred to me, once or twice I'll own I noticed things that would make me think he was a detective or a man on the run for something."

"You got to be friends with him?" "Very soon. There were not a great many on board, and he and I soon found we were both Irish. I believe there were only four or five on board that were Irish, and except a few times he'd get moody and black like, and when he was in a dispute with anyone, he was agreeable, and he would make up to anyone; in fact, he would force his company on you. He forced himself often on me, and I got somehow to feel for the family; they seemed poor, and I liked the children."

"Well, you heard the evidence given by some of the witnesses that while you were quietly sitting down you shot Carey in their presence, and said you were sent to do it?"

Prisoner (very angrily)—But you don't mean to tell me that anyone believes that? Must not they all know that if I was sent to do harm to him, or wanted to harm or to hurt him, I had a hundred good chances on the voyage out; and many of them can tell you that. Many a dark and stormy night we used to be alone, smoking and chatting in nooks and corners on the deck till eleven o'clock at night. Ask any of the ship's people about that. It was a terrible rough passage out to the Cape, and if anyone that was after Carey was on board, God help us, he could have been shot and pitched overboard twenty times many of those nights without anyone seeing it. Sure, the witnesses swore that before the magistrate."

"Why did you hook on to Natal when you had booked in London only to Cape Town?" "I had all through an idea I might make up my mind to do that, and long before we got to Cape Town Carey persuaded me to come along with him, as we had got to be chums. I think the Kinfauns people knew this before we got to the Cape."

O'Donnell then stated that when he found out who Carey really was he tried to avoid him. At length Carey asked O'Donnell about his pistol, and whether he then had it.

"I sold it at the Cape," replied O'Donnell, evasively. "Why do you ask?" "Because I can tell you it might have got you into trouble; you alarmed people when you fired at the flying fish."

"It alarmed no one who had not cause to have fear in his heart," replied O'Donnell.

Carey started as if stung and went off, returning in awhile. After standing a moment moodily, he suddenly taxed O'Donnell in a challenging tone with his changed manner. O'Donnell declares that at this instant he realized he was in the grip of a bully and a murderer, who would fasten a quarrel on him if he found out he was discovered. Carey appeared as if he expected that any Irishman who found him out was surely to kill him. Scarcely had O'Donnell uttered some observation as to the rumor about "Carey" (which if the man were Power could not offend him) than "in the clapping of your hands," or he says, "while you'd be marked M," the two men were on their feet and in grips, each one of them pistol in hand. O'Donnell says the whole thing was so instantaneous that he hardly did anything but half mechanically till it was all over. "Both of us, no doubt," he says, "were somehow in a go off at half-cock."

"I distinctly recollect," says O'Donnell, "I gave a glance to see whether it was a pistol or a knife, or what thing he drew, but it was a revolver. When I whipped out mine with my right hand, my left hand gripped in his collar, being paralyzed, I found my grasp on him gone, and that with his greater strength in two seconds I was beat. As he was crushing me down against the end of the table, seeing him put his pistol to my face, I made a grab at it and fired. My belief is, though I may be mistaken, that at the moment I snatched or dashed the pistol out of his hand as I fired, or it may be it fell from him, but it went on the floor six feet away. He rushed, partly stooping, as if to pick it up, and I fired again, not deliberately, but for my life. I really thought I fired but the one shot the second time. I tell you his son picked up that pistol off the floor afterward, and there is not one word of truth in his story about his getting it out of a bag."

"Did Mrs. Carey come up to you?" "She did, and I was sorry for her; and I tell you I was sorry for the children. I took her hand and said: 'Mrs. Carey I had to do it in self-defence. I didn't do it otherwise.' Then I quietly gave up of my own accord my revolver to the officer and held out my hands to the officer to be ironed."

The *John R. Kelley*, the largest ship ever built in Maine, was launched at Bath, October 3d, with a great flourish of bazoos. The shipyard of Goss & Sawyer, the builders, was crowded with people, chiefly ladies, and the river was full of boats and yachts. Spectators came from miles away to see the free Jumbo. The ship was registered as follows: Length, 256 feet, breadth, 45 feet; depth, 27 feet. She has three masts and three decks. Her gross tonnage is 2,254 tons, and the registered net tonnage is 2,254. The frame of the vessel was brought from the south. Every bolt between decks is driven from the outside and clinched. The vessel will be provided with steel masts, which afford lightness and strength at increased expense. The three lower masts cost \$3000, and weigh one-third less than wood. The estimated cost of the vessel is \$120,000.

Each man is a drama in himself; has to play all the parts in it; is to be king and rebel, successful and vanquished, free and slave, and needs a bringing up fit for the universal creature that he is.

Between what you can and what you do lies a sea, and in its depths lies buried the wrecked will.

## The Question of Admission.

If the next congress improves its time it will find that it has a good deal of business to perform without meddling with the tariff. More than a dozen contests for seats in the house are to be decided, and at least four territories will make application for admission into the family of states. They are Washington, Dakota, Montana and Utah—the first two Republican and the last two Democratic. It is accepted as a fact that no Republican territory can get into the Union as a state during the coming session unless a Democratic territory is admitted with it, to equalize the congressional representation. Montana would offset Dakota in this respect, and it is probable that these two territories will come to the front, while Washington and Utah are left in the background. There would be no objection by Democrats to habituating Washington as a state, as it is on the highway to prosperity, if there was any other Democratic territory but Utah to admit. Congress will hardly be willing to pass the domain of this territory over to the irrevocable Mormon rule. It were better to so reconstruct her laws as to deprive the "Saints" of any voice in its government until they have eliminated the evil of polygamy from the church creed. As to Dakota, it looks a little singular that a territory otherwise qualified for admission should be kept out of the Union solely for political reasons; but so it is, and one party has no more to boast of than the other in the character of its objections. If these objections can be overcome, it will be a triumph for the people of Dakota, who are waiting anxiously for the admission of their territory.

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