

AN AWFUL CONFESSION.

MAXWELL ENDEAVORS TO EXPLAIN THE ST. LOUIS TRUNK MYSTERY.

St. Louis, May 26.—In the Maxwell murder trial, to-day, the defendant was placed on the stand in his own behalf. He said his real name was Hugh M. Brooks; that he was born in Chester, England, and that he was 25 years old. He was a lawyer by profession and had studied medicine, but was not licensed to practice it. He first met Praelar in a hotel at Liverpool and after on the steamer Cephalonia bound for Boston. They became fast friends, and after their arrival in Boston they agreed to meet in St. Louis and go to Auckland together. Both went to St. Louis at separate times and met as agreed. Praelar was suffering from a stricture and he treated him for it. Praelar agreed that the operation should be performed and Brooks administered chloroform to Praelar. Soon he discovered that the patient was breathing heavily and that he was dying. Brooks did all in his power to revive his friend, but his efforts were without avail. Even after Praelar was dead Brooks kept up his efforts to revive him. When all hope was gone Brooks was overcome with horror at his situation. He was a stranger in a strange land and was unacquainted with the laws of the country. In a fit of desperation he placed Praelar's body in a trunk and then wandered through the streets in a dazed condition. Returning to the hotel Brooks thought of a way to escape. He searched Praelar's clothing and found a quantity of money, which he took and with which he bought a ticket to San Francisco and made various reckless purchases. He showed off Praelar's moustache and put a piece of paper in the trunk reading, "So perish all traitors to the great cause." This was done to mystify the authorities and cause delay that would enable him to escape. The rest of the testimony was taken up with a recital of the details of escape, the journey to New Zealand and subsequent capture and return to this city. The court room was crowded, and the prisoner created a sensation. He denied most emphatically that he had any designs on Praelar's life or that he desired to injure him in any way when he administered the drug.

A despatch of 27th says.—The prosecution caused the remains of Praelar to be re-exhumed and had parts removed, with a view to investigating the story told by Maxwell regarding the surgical operation. No such condition existed as Maxwell claimed to have been treating when he gave Praelar the chloroform. The day's developments in the case were chiefly remarkable from their revelations of the prisoner's capacity for telling lies. An hour before the opening every seat in the court room was filled. Upon taking his seat Judge Van Wagoner instructed the deputies to clear the bar, reserving the seats inside the railing for the members of the profession and the reporters.

MAXWELL AGAIN CALLED.—After order was called Mr. Panterley told the prisoner to take the stand and proceed with the direct examination where he left off last night. The chief points brought out were that his real name was Hugh M. Brooks, his home Hyde, a suburb of Manchester, England, that the man Samuel N. Brooks who came here to see him at the prison, and that McCullough, the detective who spent forty-seven days in jail with him, spoke falsely when he told of the confession made to him and the plan for procuring false witnesses.

UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION.—Then the cross-examination began and lasted all day. It was, as all cross-examinations, very tedious at times, and the same subjects were gone over again and again, but at times the situations were very dramatic and the questions full of interest and importance. The State, through a long series of questions, brought out the fact that the prisoner had never been a physician, that he had never been in St. Bartholomew Hospital; that he had never taken any degree, and on each of these points made him admit, under oath, that he had lied to Praelar and to others. He could give no reason for all these false statements, simply saying he did not know why he told them, but he certainly didn't intend to deceive anybody.

The medical books were brought in and questions asked, as to their ownership. He said he had owned them five years. He said he had made all the marginal notes while pursuing his studies. "You say you wrote these marginal notes twelve months before coming to this country, in England?" "I didn't say where," he said quickly. "Didn't you say twelve months before coming to this country?" "I said it might be that long."

"This note has these words:—'The best and simplest method is to pour a gramme on a napkin and hold it about four inches from the face,' signed 'W. H. L. M.' You say you wrote that twelve months before coming to this country?" The witness here started and changed color. "That must have been written in this country."

"Didn't you say you wrote it in England?" Mr. Glover here stood up and shook his finger at the prisoner. "I must have written that here."

"Then you were mistaken. Didn't you have the book in your hand, with it mured at this page?" The witness looked at it and murmured, "Yes."

MIXED UP AND ENTANGLED.—Mr. Glover worried the witness on this point. He brought out prominently that the witness had looked at the marginal notes and had repeatedly said that he had written them in England, and that one must have been written in this country, as it was signed "W. H. L. M." The death of Praelar was taken up and the witness' story was literally torn to pieces. He got badly mixed and entangled as to what he did. One serious entanglement witness got into was as to two letters written by him after he had trunked his victim. One of these was to Mr. Warren and said—"We are going to Texas to try ranch life a while." He was questioned as to why he wrote "we," and why he wrote of going to Texas when he had already arranged for his own flight to New Zealand. Then another letter to Mr. Powers, of Boston, was produced and he was asked why he said in it he was going to travel in the West with Praelar. Did he intend taking his dead friend along as baggage? The witness floundered about most pitifully, and after admitting writing the letters after Praelar's death sought refuge behind the fact that he was a doctor and putting in the substance of many answers to a multitude of questions was that he wrote it himself just to keep in practice as a penman.

THE MURDER SCENE.—The cross-examination then went over the whole ground of the direct—as to the terrible scene in the prisoner's room when Praelar was chloroformed to death and his body packed in the trunk, Maxwell's subsequent movements, the ransacking of his victim's baggage, of his re-opening the fearful trunk and putting in the placard "So perish all traitors to the great cause." All this was brought out by questions the answers to which were wrung from the poor wretch as though some vital organ of painful part of his anatomy had been touched.

The last question asked was, "Can you state, Mr. Brooks, why it is that you have lost all the evidence which would prove your innocence and have only the evidence that proves your guilt?" "I am not aware that I have."

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