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HUNTING A DESPERADO

Young Ireland the Scene of Another Rural Murder.

Farmer Sprague Stricken Down in His Barn—His Wife Assaulted and Robbed—Chase and Capture of the Criminal.

BROOKLYN, Jan. 26.—Mr. Sealy Sprague, who, with his wife Sarah, resides at East Meadow, L. I., on a farm on the line of the Stewart Central railroad, about five miles from the village of Hempstead, was the victim of a terrible crime yesterday. The worst house in Mr. Peter Pettit's, which is one quarter of a mile east, and Mrs. Sprague's brother, about the same distance to the west. About seven o'clock in the morning Mr. Sprague, after starting the kitchen fire, went out to the barn, 100 feet from the house, to take care of his stock, leaving Mrs. Sprague in the kitchen preparing the breakfast. He had not been gone from the house more than twenty minutes when Mrs. Sprague was surprised by the entrance into the kitchen of a negro wearing a heavy plush cap and light colored overcoat. The latter was covered with blood. She at once asked him what he wanted.

"I want money. I will kill you," he shouted, and seizing her by the hair, struck her a stinging blow in the mouth, cutting her lip and loosening her teeth. When he entered the house he had in his hand a flat iron bar, used to join railroad rails, about two feet in length. This piece of iron, which was covered with blood, he laid down on the mat by the kitchen door.

Mrs. Sprague said to him: "Have you killed my husband?" and he replied, "No; but I will kill you if you do not get me the money." Mrs. Sprague then started to get the money, going through the dining room to the parlor, at the southwest corner of the house. She took her pocketbook, which contained \$25 in gold, silver and bills, from the bureau and laid it on the table. The negro at once picked it up, and while he was trying to open it she ran out of the front door and across the fields to Mr. Pettit's, whom she alarmed, and then to her brother's Mr. Pettit with Mr. Carman and others went immediately to Sprague's, and on going to the barn found the door closed. Outside and near the barn were two bundles of corralles, where they had been laid by Mr. Sprague. On opening the barn door a terrible sight met their gaze. Lying on the barn floor near the door lay Mr. Sprague covered with blood and unconscious. Close by the door was a large pool of blood, and blood was scattered on the manger and feed bags. He was at once taken to the house and Dr. Searring and Ludlow, of Hempstead village, were hastily summoned. They dressed his wounds, but were not able to restore him to consciousness. He has ten terrible gashes in the front part of the head and his skull is fractured. The wounds were made with the narrow edge of a fish-pole.

Mr. Sprague had upon his person \$120, which was upon him in an inside breast pocket. All the other pockets of his clothing had been searched, as was evidenced by the blood marks upon them. The murderer, as soon as Mrs. Sprague ran out of the house shouting for help, must have immediately left, as he was not seen by Pettit or Carman. Fifty men and boys armed with guns and pistols and clubs, in pursuit of the fugitive, tracking him toward Westbury. In a dirt pile about two hundred yards from the house, on the line of Stewart's Central road, his cap that he had thrown away was found and further on his overcoat. At the store of Edward Kelsey, in Westbury, he purchased a hat, coat and pair of boots, and also a pocketbook, and said he was about to go to Syoness. When the train arrived Mr. Kelsey told him "that the train went to Greenport, and for him to wait for the next one," which he did. Officer Robert Pratt, of Hicksville, who was on the next train, was informed of it and he stopped off and arrested him. Officers Ayres and Buckler soon after arrived, and the three officers, with difficulty, prevented the excited crowd from lynching him. He was finally taken to Hicksville before Justice Edgar Davis, and at noon driven over to Mr. Sprague's house. Mr. William Sprague, a brother of the wounded man, struck the prisoner a powerful blow in the face, and would have killed him had not wiser counsel prevailed. Mrs. Sprague fully identified him as the man who struck her in the morning and to whom she gave the money. He was then taken back to Hicksville, where the greatest excitement prevailed last evening, and renewed threats of lynching were freely made. He was strongly guarded, and taken to the Queens county jail at Long Island City on a late train.

It is supposed he tried to enter the house during the night, as marks were found upon one of the side windows, showing that the attempt had been made to pry it open. He then, it appears, went into the barn. When Mr. Sprague came out he knocked him down as soon as he got on the barn floor. Mr. Sprague is forty-three years of age and a strong, athletic man. Mrs. Sprague is a small lady and is about the same age as her husband. The arrested man gives his name as Charles A. Smith, and says that he resides in Poverty Hollow, in the town of Oyster Bay. He is about thirty years of age, light build, very dark and has a heavy mustache and side whiskers. At a late hour he was fully identified as Charles A. Rugg, of Oyster Bay. Mr. Sprague is still alive and his physicians have some hope of his recovery.

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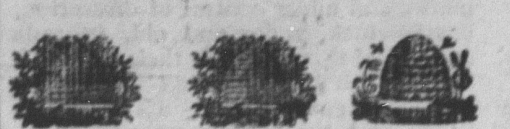
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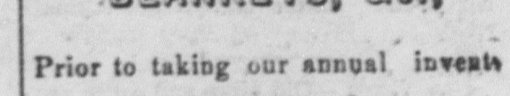
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