

## SHE AVENGED HER WRONG.

## A KENTUCKY BELLE'S FATAL SHOTS.

Stephen B. Pettus, One of New York's Big Business Men, Shot Down in the Street By a Woman He Had Outraged—Sensational History of the Case.

NEW YORK, Nov. 22.—Stephen Pettus, secretary and treasurer of the Brooklyn elevated railroad, commission merchant and member of the cotton exchange, was shot down in Fulton-st. this morning about 10 o'clock by Hannah Southworth, who emptied the five chambers of a 38-caliber revolver into Pettus' head and body. Fulton-st. was full of people, whose number was swelled by the crowd just coming from the Fulton ferry-boats. A man who saw the shooting said that he had noticed the woman acting strangely on the boat, as though laboring under great excitement. As Pettus was walking up Fulton-st. she suddenly sprang forward until close behind him, so near that she might have struck him with her hand. Then she fired five shots from a new silver-plated revolver, each shot taking effect. Pettus staggered and tried to run into the nearest doorway. But the self-cooking pistol of the infatuated woman was too quick for him. Covered with blood, he fell against the door, which swung open with his weight. The dying man ran inside, rushed behind the counter, out again and fell dead in a bloody heap at the foot of the stairway leading to the next floor. Officer Goodwin made a rush for the woman, who stood motionless, making no attempt to escape. She alternated between great excitement and periods of utter coolness. She was taken to the Old Slip station-house. The body was taken to the station and laid on the floor. A scrap of coarse sacking covered the dead man's face. On raising it, one could see a bright little hole over the left eye. The stopper was dislodged and clogged with blood. Little by little, a bullet hole appeared in the left wrist. The bullet dead's man's watch was broken and an indentation in the case seemed to have been made by a bullet which had passed clean through the body. Among the papers found on the person of the dead man was a letter with an envelope. It began: "My dear friend," and expressed great gratitude for services rendered the writer. In conclusion, it said: "I cannot tell you how fond and grateful I am for the little home you have given me. The flat is perfectly safe; hope you will come down on Tuesday." The letter was signed simply "G.C." The handwriting was evidently a woman's.

That same day was an attractive looking woman, and was considered respectable by many persons in Brooklyn. Within an hour after reaching the police station a lawyer called and was conducted to the captain's room, where she sat. He told her that he represented Howe & Hummel, the criminal lawyers. "Oh, then tell Mr. Hummel not to be angry with me," the woman cried; "tell him not to desert me now." She was very much excited and begged for a little chloroform. "Only a little," she said; "my doctor lets me have it to quiet my nerves. Let me have some more." Her request was not granted. When the lawyer rose to leave, she said: "Don't go; don't leave me alone with that policeman. Don't! You don't know what harm he may do to me." She was greatly moved and her brain seemed hanging on the brink of lunacy. When Mrs. Southworth appeared in the commissioner's office in the afternoon she was affected to a degree that was fearful to witness, her mind being apparently in no condition to think or comprehend what was going on about her. She was very well dressed and is very pretty. She wore dark and light brown dress, with a clasp of seal-trimmed dark fur, and a pair of brown over-garters covering her shoes. Her hair is of a reddish brown and her eyes large and liquid. She looked about her as if she was expecting something to happen to her, and panted as if she could not catch her breath. Coroner Levy asked her name and she gave it as Hannah B. Southworth in a low voice. When she was asked where she lived she shook her head and said: "Mr. Hummel knows." Mr. Steinhardt, representing Howe & Hummel, answered for her that she could not tell her husband where she was, that she was not intentional, but that she was capable of thought. "I suppose you have no statement to make," Coroner Levy asked. "She is in no condition to make one," Mr. Steinhardt answered. "I see that," said the coroner kindly. "Tell him," began the prisoner, leaning over and touching Steinhardt on the shoulder, "tell him."

"Hush; don't say anything," whispered the lawyer. "Tell him," she persisted, "what he did to me." "It's not now," whispered the lawyer. If Mrs. Southworth was acting, it was very good and painful acting. She stood up suddenly as if she was entirely alone and began to pace up and down the room with her arms folded behind her. Officer Goodwin, who arrested her, came over and placed his burly form in front of the open window, but the young woman did not notice him do it. Some one brought her a glass of water, and she was spoken to twice before she looked at it. Then she shook her head. When the coroner said he would commit her to the city prison until Tuesday at 10 o'clock, she turned over to her lawyer and whispered: "Oh, yes, they'll be kind to you." Then he called Goodwin over and Mrs. Southworth looked at him and said: "That is the same man, I remember; he was kind to me, I'm glad it is that man." She allowed them to lead her down stairs without any words or any show of feeling, and was driven to prison. When in prison Mrs. Southworth was very nervous and worked herself into a high state of excitement. She was given an anodyne for relief. She was then a lady, a warm personal friend of his, who had befriended Pettus when he was in straitened circumstances. He took advantage of this woman's kindness by seducing her. Then, under threat of exposing her ruin, he obtained the aid of this woman in accomplishing Mrs. Southworth's ruin.

## Mrs. Southworth and Her Story.

Mrs. Hannah Southworth is a native of Louisville. Her father's name was Martin, and, during the war, being a member of a family of active southern sympathies, he refused to take the oath of allegiance to the government; but after some trouble with the provost marshal he came North instead of going South. During the war he operated as a gold broker in Wall-st. in New York City. At the time the family left Louisville Mrs. Southworth was a little girl, and is now about thirty-five years old. She is descended, on her mother's side, from a race of women long remarkable for extreme beauty, her mother, Mrs. Martin, and her aunt, the late Mrs. S. H. Torrey, being ladies especially noted in this particular in their youth. Indeed Mrs. Southworth's mother is at the present time a very handsome middle-aged woman. Mrs. Southworth has herself grown up conspicuously like her for personal beauty, and in her girlhood was so conscious of her

## ARE MORMONS DISLOYAL?

## MORE TESTIMONY AT SALT LAKE CITY

Priests of the Church Preached Treason—The American Flag Tattered in the Dust—The Wife of the Murdered Green Tells Her Story.

personal appearance as to attract universal attention wherever she was seen. In 1875, when she was just emerging from her teens, she married a man of the family of her uncle, the late Judge Tracy at Geneva, N. Y., she met Mr. Frederick Southworth, a banker of that place, and some two years later they were married. Mr. Southworth died within a year or so after the wedding, and his widow returned to Louisville, where her father and mother were again living. A few years after, her father having died in the meantime, Mrs. Southworth and her mother removed to Brooklyn, where she has two brothers living now and doing business. It was soon after this that Mrs. Southworth was introduced to a mutual friend to Mr. Pettus, who emptied the five chambers of a 38-caliber revolver into Pettus' head and body. Fulton-st. was full of people, whose number was swelled by the crowd just coming from the Fulton ferry-boats. A man who saw the shooting said that he had noticed the woman acting strangely on the boat, as though laboring under great excitement. As Pettus was walking up Fulton-st. she suddenly sprang forward until close behind him, so near that she might then be inclined to talk about the tragedy. Counsel for the murderers called at the prison early today and talked with his client for a long time. When questioned as to the line of defense he took, which had been determined upon, he replied that the defense undoubtedly would be insanity. There was no doubt, the counsel said, that Mrs. Southworth was insane. His client was incoherent in her statements, the result of the great shock her nervous system had sustained, but in a day or two she would be more rational. As masters stand, Mrs. Southworth's statement of her many wrongs is quite clear enough to enable counsel to grapple with the case. Mr. W. B. Martin, the woman's brother, was among her early callers. It was with this brother that Mrs. Southworth lived. The scene between brother and sister is described as of the most affecting character. She seemed to forget her position, as almost all her inquiries were made concerning her mother. Numbers of curious persons visited the Tomb court this morning, thinking Mrs. Southworth would be taken there. They were disappointed. Next Thursday she will be at the inquest.

## WOOD ARRESTED.

The Facts in the Ballot Box Contract For-  
gery Likely to Come Out.

CINCINNATI, Nov. 22.—A startling arrest was made here to-night—no less than that of R. G. Wood, who recently obtained national notoriety by his alleged connection with the famous ballot-box contract forgery, in which the names of ten prominent statesmen, including those of James E. Campbell, democratic governor-elect of Ohio; Senator Sherman and Congressman Ben Butterworth, are mentioned. It is believed here that Gov. elect Campbell, Senator Sherman and Congressman Butterworth are pushing this prosecution of Wood. Atty. Harry R. Probasso, a relative by marriage of Senator Sherman, swore out the warrant before Judge Erneston of the police court. Wood disappeared from the city about the time of the exposure of the forgery and returned only two or three days ago. The affidavit of Mr. Probasso charges R. G. Wood with perpetrating a libel on or about Sept. 7, 1889, against William McKinley, James E. Campbell, Ben Butterworth, John Sherman, S. C. Cox, W. B. Breckinridge, Charles McAdoo, J. R. McPherson, J. R. Whiting and F. Stinchfield, all members or ex-members of the house or senate of the United States—in that he counterfeited their names to a forged contract—a wholly fictitious document—and which forgery Wood committed with malicious intent to disgrace these men and damage them in the eyes of the nation by leading the people to believe they were in a corrupt scheme to make money by violating the laws of the nation. The defense called Joseph Follett to refute the testimony given by Witness Wardwell in regard to the killing of Green for apostasy in 1862. The witness testified that he never heard of the affair before. The prosecution then offered in evidence a paper served on the members of the Mormon church by Bishop Hinman, which appeared in the witness's court-to-night and he tried for obtaining a judgment in the U. S. court against other members of the church for the failure to perform a contract. 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