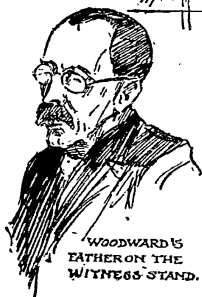


WOODWARD'S PARENTS ON STAND; BOY IN A RAGE

ACHARACTERISTIC POSE OF THE PRISONER AS HE SITS IN THE DOCK



WOODWARD'S MOTHER TESTIFYING



WOODWARD'S FATHER ON THE WITNESS STAND.



WITNESS MYERS

State Rests Its Case and the Defense Opens With an Effort to Prove an Alibi. Father and Mother Say Paul Was at Home

"I wish I had a good gun; I'd get a bead on Lloyd and plug him sure," Paul Woodward is said to have remarked yesterday to Constable Christman as he crossed the "bridge of sighs" from the Camden Court House to the county jail at the conclusion of the fourth day of his trial on the charge of killing John Coffin. He was angered at the merciless cross-examination of his mother by Prosecutor Lloyd during the last half hour of the session.

A few minutes before court adjourned he leaned over to Lawyer Robinson, one of his counsel, and uttered a string of oaths.

"Be quiet; I insist that you do not talk," urged the attorney.

"He's got no right to talk to her that way, and I won't stand for it. He didn't do that to the other witnesses," replied the prisoner as he resumed his crouching position in the chair and glared defiantly at the Prosecutor.

After offering the dead boys' clothing, the plan of the country at Haddon Heights and the watch and ring introduced in the case, Prosecutor Lloyd at 10:35 o'clock said: "The State rests its case."

Defense Opens

Lawyer Maurice Daniels, of counsel for the defense, occupied but a few minutes in opening the case to the jury. He said the defense would prove that Paul Woodward could not have been on the White Horse pike when the State's witnesses say he was, and that it was highly improbable the boys died from strychnine poisoning. He concluded by saying that every moment of the time of Paul Woodward, from Wednesday, when the boys disappeared, until his arrest, would be accounted for by reputable witnesses.

Charles May, of 221 Benson street, the Woodward home, said that on Wednesday, October 1, Paul was home until after 11 o'clock in the morning. He went out for a short time and returned, as was his custom, to do errands before dinner. Dinner was eaten at about 3 o'clock. After that time Paul did not go out. On Thursday Paul went out to look for work, and came in at 11:30 in the morning. He stayed in to dinner and spent the rest of the day mending clothing and shoes. Friday he went to Philadelphia to pay lodge dues, and did not return until Saturday afternoon.

Two Days Missing

On cross-examination the witness could not tell what the defendant did on the Monday and Tuesday preceding. He finally admitted that "Paul was generally home if he wasn't in the country."

Thomas Woodward, the boy's father, said he is employed as a watchman for the Reading Railroad Company and worked at night. On October 1 he got home at 7:45 in the morning and Paul was there. When he got up at 11:30 o'clock Paul was still there. Paul took dinner with him at 3 o'clock, and was still at home when he started for work at 5 o'clock. On Thursday he was out in the morning, but remained in the remainder of the day. Friday he went to Philadelphia and returned on Saturday.

Mother Testifies

"Mrs. Bella Woodward," called Mr.

Daniels. Instantly all necks were craned. Mrs. Woodward entered the court room in an unconcerned manner and took her seat in the witness box. She testified in a firm voice, and only displayed feeling under the cross-examination of Prosecutor Lloyd.

She said that on Wednesday, October 1, she left Paul at home about 10 o'clock in the morning and went to Philadelphia to attend to some lodge matters. She returned about 1:45 in the afternoon. Paul was not there, but came in a few minutes later. After dinner at 3 o'clock he did not go out until the next morning. Thursday morning she gave him \$2. He went out and purchased a pair of shoes and came back in the afternoon, about 2 o'clock. He spent the balance of the afternoon mending his clothing. He did not go out at night.

Friday she gave Paul \$5 to go to Philadelphia to pay dues amounting to \$4.10 to the Home Circle, an organization of which her husband is a member. He did not pay the dues and did not return until the next afternoon at about half-past 1 o'clock.

Knew Mrs. Barber

Continuing, Mrs. Woodward said she knew Mrs. Edith Barber very well; that she had visited her for a period of seven weeks; that she intended to give her a silk dress and that she had two real estate agents looking for a farm for her which she wanted to purchase with money she was to get from an estate.

"I think it was on July 9 that I gave Paul money and sent him to Collins' drug store to buy some strychnine," said the mother. "We had thirty homing pigeons and the cats were killing them." I told him to give his name and address to the droggist. We put the poison on bread and butter and placed the pieces on the top of the pigeon house. It stayed there three days and as the cats wouldn't touch it I took the pieces down and burned them.

"About the first week in September I sent him to the same place to purchase more strychnine. He got it and when he returned we put it on meat and placed the meat on top of the pigeon house. The next morning we found one dead cat, the meat all gone, and we haven't been bothered with cats very much since."

Paul's Age

"How old is Paul?" asked Prosecutor Lloyd on cross-examination.

"Twenty-four last April," was the reply. "Didn't you tell me in my office that he was only 18?"

"Yes, sir."

"In the face of the fact that he is 24 you told me he was but 18?"

"Yes, but I wasn't on my oath, then."

"Then you said what was not true?"

"Yes, sir."

"Have you ever been convicted of crime?"

"No, sir."

"Were you not tried in the Court of Quarter Sessions of Philadelphia in June, 1895, for obtaining a carpet valued at \$56 from Edward Whitehall by the false representation that you owned the premises 1313 Mt. Vernon street, Philadelphia?"

"No, sir."

"Did you not serve nine months in the county prison for that crime?"

"No, sir."

The Boy Angry

It was at this time that Woodward, who was eying the prosecutor like a hawk, made strong objections to his counsel as to the manner in which his mother was being examined.

The prosecutor then took up a certified copy of a record and asked her a number of questions on the same subject. She denied all knowledge of the crime and the names of the witnesses.

At the conclusion of the cross-examination Mr. Daniels handed her a silver watch and chain, which she said belonged to Willie May and was the same one Paul took to Philadelphia.

Mr. Daniels also handed her a plain gold ring. She said it had been Paul's for over twelve years, but he had not worn it until three years ago, because it was too large for his finger.

"Where did you get that ring?" asked the Prosecutor.

"A young man gave it to me."

"His name, please?"

"Joseph Harback; he was in prison in Philadelphia and we did him a favor."

This concluded the testimony of the day. The ring introduced by the defense contains the letters "C. B." engraved in old English. Court adjourned until to-morrow morning.