

WIDOW TELLS GRIM Stabbing Story.

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Sydney Court Scene.

SYDNEY, Saturday.

EMOTIONALLY describing the fatal stabbing of Arthur Adolf Lange, in a Surry Hills house on the night of December 7, a young widow, May Grace, suddenly fell forward in a swoon in the witness box at the City Coroner's Court.

She recovered soon afterwards, but the Acting-Coroner (Mr. A. E. Chapman) postponed the inquiry.

A blood-stained sheath knife was an exhibit.

Evidence, given by Mrs. Grace, was that Lange and William Ralph (36), who had been charged with murder, and Ralph's wife had been staying at her home. Ralph arrived home "mad drunk," drew a knife from his hip, and made a blow at a man named Callatone.

Ralph drew the knife and Lange seized his wrist. Ralph put his knee in Lange's stomach and Lange released his hold. Ralph then stuck the knife in Lange's stomach. Mrs. Grace picked the weapon up.

"Ralph was like a beast," she said, "He was like somebody mad."

It was at this stage of her evidence that Mrs. Grace fainted.