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ORGANIZED TERRITORY:

CITY OF KAMLOOPS:

REPORT

Re: Larsen, John----Deceased----Coroner's Inquest re -

1. On Saturday night, March 15th, 1941, at 9:45 p.m. a complaint was received at this office from Mrs. D.L. Regan of 146 Seymour St., West, in the City of Kamloops to the effect that a drunken party was going on in a building at 154 Seymour St., West, and wished the police to investigate.
2. The call was answered by Constables Heatly and King, then on City patrol duty. The officers proceeded to the scene at once. Upon arrival they were proceeding to room 4 in the same building. As they passed a door leading into a passageway, they saw the body of a man lying in a large pool of blood. On further investigation it was ascertained that the man had a large wound on the head, above the forehead. The man was dead. The coroner, Dr. Archibald of Kamloops, was immediately notified but owing to his illness, Dr. C.J.M. Willoughby attended. On his arrival at the scene and after examination of the body, instructions were given for its removal to Dwyer's funeral home.
3. The names of witnesses in room 4 were taken, these being Edward Johnson, Axel Anderson, Ole Nasser, William Sargent and Edward Orlow, also Dreer Regan who resides at 164 Seymour St.
4. On Monday, March 17th, 1941, at 4:00 P.M. a Coroner's Jury consisting of the following men, were sworn in by Coroner Dr. M.G. Archibald.
 - John R. Todd, 430 Seymour Street
 - Robt. K. Mitchell, 271 Battle St.
 - Thos. C. Little, 1119 Battle St.
 - Jos. N. Schriefels, 154 Nicola St., (foreman)
 - Goodwin Nanson, 667 Nicola Street.
5. Upon the jury being sworn, a view was held and Inquest adjourned until Friday March 21st/41, at 10:00 A.M.
6. On March 21st/41, inquest reopened before Coroner Archibald. Const. George Dustan Heatley, sworn, stated that on Saturday, March 15th, 1941, while on patrol duty with Const. King, he had received a call to proceed to 154 Seymour St., west, as there was a drunken party going on in this building. Arriving at same, he and Const. King were proceeding along the porch to room 4. As they passed an open door leading into a passageway, they noticed the body of an old man lying on his back in the passageway. There was a large pool of blood by the body and upon further examination found that the man had a large head wound and was dead. Const. Heatley remained at the scene while Const. King proceeded to notify the coroner and his superior officers. Upon arrival of Dr. Willoughby, acting for the coroner, the man was pronounced dead and the body ordered removed. Proceeding to room 4, Const. Heatley questioned the occupants as learned from them that a short time earlier in the evening, an Indian had forced his way into room 4 and had been forcibly ejected. He again came into the room and was again ejected. A few moments later, the Indian again returned, this time carrying an axe. Johnson, one of the occupants of the room, with the help of Ole Nasser, disarmed the man. This axe was handed to Const. Heatley by Johnson and in turn handed to Corpl Kirkup. The axe-head was stained with what appeared to be blood.
7. Const. James King, sworn, corroborated the evidence given by Const. Heatley.

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