

SHOT TO DEATH

Evidence at Inquest Tells of Four Fatal Bullet Wounds in Wm. Doherty's Back.

The Wounds in His Head Were Inflicted By a Sharp Stone After Death—Evidence Points to Murder on Friday Night or Later—Letter Found Makes Possible Clue—One Theory.

The evidence adduced at the inquest which began on Tuesday into the mystery surrounding the death of William Doherty, has proved beyond the shade of a doubt that the deceased was murdered and that the wounds which caused his death were inflicted from behind by a 38 calibre revolver.

Four bullet wounds in the back, each of which, save one, would have been sufficient to cause death, were discovered at the post mortem. Within the body the corresponding bullets were found. All had evidently been fired from the same pistol, one of 38 calibre.

The savage wounds in the head, two of which fractured the skull, were undoubtedly inflicted the doctors declare, some time after death had ensued from the result of the REVOLVER SHOTS IN THE BACK.

All the head wounds were probably the result of blows by a heavy and sharp pointed stone such as those found under the body and abounding in the neighborhood. A fragment of rock found wedged in between the edges of one of the skull fractures confirms this.

This would easily explain why, if the murder was committed near where the body was found, the police were unable to discover any blood stains, for the bullet wounds would bleed only very slightly, and from wounds in the head inflicted after death there would be no hemorrhage at all.

Yet all this is of little assistance to the police in their tangled task of locating the murderer, though it has caused changes to be made in theories which had been followed. The evidence shows that it was possible for the murderer to have been fired close to the spot where the body was found. It also tends to put the murder at a later period than many have fixed upon.

Much has been made of shots heard by several people in the park Friday afternoon. Among others C. W. Bell states that while he was driving to the north of the lake he distinctly HEARD TWO SHOTS

somewhere between 3:30 and 4:30 Friday afternoon. He was driving slow at the time and the noise was plain enough to momentarily frighten his horse. But this is explained by the testimony of H. A. Knox, the park policeman, who says that about that time he shot a crow on the hill back of the aviary. He claims that no other shots have been fired in that region without his knowledge.

the face was downward. All over it was a pile of mixed up shrubs and grass. He went up later with Officer Eadie and the coroner. He did not recognize the body. He knew William Doherty by sight when he was alive. He had not seen the body since. In reply to further questions by the coroner witness said he often went out to the park and had frequently gone by Lovers Lane. Never knew of any trouble out there till he found the body.

To Mr. Blair—The body was found by a patch about 25 feet off Lovers Lane on the north side of the road. It was about 300 yards beyond the park line. By the look of the path outside the park it had evidently been considerably used. He had warned of following couples in the park and had not seen anything like that for months.

NEVER SAW DECEASED IN PARK. I never knew of any rows in the park this summer and had only seen two cases of drunkenness. Went on duty on Friday night at seven o'clock. Saturday at ten and Sunday about 9:30. There was considerable boating Friday night, which kept him later.

Dr. John Francis Macaulay, called and sworn, told of making a post mortem examination of the body of the deceased assisted by Dr. W. L. Eadie. Reading from his notes he said: The body was that of a young man I should think about 20 years of age. He was well developed, muscular, and by the appearance of his face had never shaved. At the time of his death he had been in vigorous health. Post mortem rigidity in the arms and legs was marked and the muscular system of the body was in a fair state of preservation. There was evidence of commencing decomposition, showing the man had evidently been dead 48 or 50 hours from five o'clock Monday afternoon, when I first saw him. Upon external examination of head and face 12 or 14 wounds were revealed, only two of which were deep. Most were on the forehead and the nose. There was one large wound on the left side of the forehead one inch long piercing the flesh and fracturing the bone. It extended from over the eyebrow to the roots of the hair. The wound was sharp and cleanly cut and in the fracture of the skull was found

A SMALL PIECE OF STONE. The bones of the nose were broken and a large number of superficial wounds were all over the face. Turning the body four penetrating wounds on the back were seen, one at the angle of the left shoulder blade, another just to the right of the spine, another on the right side of the median line on the border of the last rib, and the fourth in the region over the crest of the right hip bone.

Upon probing, the probe would only penetrate any considerable distance into the second wound. There was extravasation of blood in the tissues about the wounds, showing they had certainly been inflicted before death.

Then the body was opened at the chest. The left lung was perforated by a wound and a bullet was found in the lower lobe of the lung. It had penetrated about 4 inches into the substance of the lung. Removing the intestines a large hemorrhage was found in the abdomen. The next bullet was found free in the abdominal cavity just in front of the kidney, which it had perforated. Another bullet was found in the slit of bloody after the abdomen. One of the bullets had passed right through to the hip bone

into the abdomen. Upon removing the right kidney a bullet wound was found 2-3 inches long piercing across the kidney. A wound was found through the under surface of the right lobe of the liver. The large intestine showed one perforation. The wounds ran in a row diagonally across the body from the right hip bone to the left shoulder blade. From the appearance of one wound the deceased was evidently on an elevation above the murderer when the shot was fired. The others were evidently inflicted when both were on a level.

THE FOURTH BULLET was found embedded into the left shoulder blade together with a piece of coat which had been carried in.

The stomach was filled with pigeon berries and raspberries, some partially digested and others still retaining their color. There was also a quantity of wintergreen leaves.

Upon examination of the head, a depressed fracture of the skull was found on the left side of the forehead and a small piece of bone had been driven into the brain. There was also a fracture on the left temple extending to the base of the skull. There was no bleeding into the brain whatsoever and no adhesions of the membranes. The skull bones were exceptionally thin.

Questioned by the coroner—All the bullet wounds entered from the back and all were received during life. Any one of the wounds except that in the shoulder blade would have proved fatal. Judging from the interior condition of the wound in the head, all were inflicted after death.

INFLICTED AFTER DEATH. as if the deceased had been pounded with stones to make sure of the job after he had been shot. It is hard to say how long after death. The bleeding from the bullet wounds was all internal. The small amount that was lost might easily have been absorbed into the ground and washed away by Sunday's rain, so as to be unobservable. The wounds on the head, which otherwise would have bled extensively, showed no hemorrhage because they were inflicted after circulation had ceased.

To Mr. Blair—it was undoubtedly the bullet wounds which caused death. The wounds on the head were most probably caused by a large heavy stone.

To Coroner Berryman—I should think that all the shots were fired from about the same range, perhaps about twenty yards. If the deceased had been very close to his assailant there would have been evidence of powder burning.

Felix Gallagher, a laborer at the park, who was working in the vicinity of Lovers Lane Friday, Saturday and Sunday, was asked if he saw a piece of paper hanging as if it might have been placed there for a mark. Beyond this he could add nothing of importance to the evidence except the statement that he had

HEARD NO GUN SHOTS beside the one fired by Mr. Knox at a crow Friday afternoon.

George Henry, another park employee, had been working in the vicinity of Lovers Lane Friday, Saturday and Sunday. He told of being informed by Beckwith of the discovery of the body. Heard no shots either Friday or Saturday. None could have been fired around these spots after 9:30 without him hearing them.

To Mr. Blair—Never saw much "raking or any quarreling in the park" had seen nothing during the last few days to arouse his suspicion in any way.

Other witnesses who were called were not present, so the inquest was here adjourned until next Monday evening at seven o'clock.

THE PARK SEARCHED. All day yesterday the place where the hundreds of morbidly curious people spot is guarded by the park police, and with the exception of the absence of the body everything was built to same as it was on Monday. The burnt poles and roots and shrubs which were heaped upon the remains were thrown to one side and showed a smouldering depression where the body had been. Blackened trees, with withered arms stiffly presented, stood in a semicircle around Lovers Lane. About 200 feet of all kinds, raspberry bushes with their red fruit, and tall firs in ranks, with sandy purple covers the neighborhood. That was all there was to see, but those who had walked away out there started at the sight of anything that might prove a clue. A special watch was kept for a revolver or empty cartridge, but without result. The only article of any interest discovered in the morning was

A FRAGMENT OF A LETTER. written in lead pencil, and evidently meant to convey expressions of love as far as could be interpreted. Later in the day several more pieces were found, which when pieced into the main body made it possible to decipher a few disconnected words. The names "Joe," "Dennie" and "Whinnie" were mentioned several times. The address on the envelope was written in pencil, but was so torn as to be undecipherable. The post mark was East Boston, Mass.

Through the afternoon the police were busy following out possible clues and interviewing anyone who might by the remotest chance be connected with the tragedy, but without any definite result.

A POSSIBLE THEORY. The most plausible theory of the many suggested is that based upon the proven propensity of the deceased for making after and springing upon couples whom he might hope to find in compromising circumstances. There is a gang of fellows who have made a habit of this around the park for some time past, and it is quite possible that some man, going out with a girl has some prepared for such intrusions.

The body of Doherty was found just at the foot of a mound, the other side of which slipped into a deep ravine. Down this side about 20 feet searchers yesterday found a dark piece of the smoothed appearance of the grass and shrubs above.

Pure Hard Soap

TRIPLE SOAP

MAKES CHILD'S PLAY OF WASH DAY

A HANDSOME GIFT.
There is at the Custom House, addressed to Hon. A. T. Dunn, a beautiful little organ. It is to be placed in the new Episcopal Church at Prince of Wales, and is a gift to the pastor and congregation from Hon. H. E. Cobb of Newton, Mass. The gift was sent through Hon. A. E. Dunn, who is acting for Mr. Cobb in seeing that it reaches the congregation and is placed in position free of all expense to the people. Hon. Mr. Cobb is an annual visitor to this province, having a beautiful summer place at Ingleswood on the Musquah Lakes. There he hospitably entertains many friends. He has been brought in constant contact with the people of Prince of Wales, and the pastor, Rev. Mr. Bacon, has frequently held service at the camp.

PROBATE COURT.
Letters of administration of the estate of Alex. Morrison, who died a few months ago in the asylum, have been granted to Hon. H. A. McKeown, one of the commissioners of the asylum. The estate consists of \$200 real, and \$800 personal. J. King Kelley, prosecutor.
Passing accounts on estate of the late Jane Hamilton was concluded yesterday morning. J. D. Hagen, K. C., for the executors, H. A. McKeown, K. C., for Hedley Barbour, and B. P. Raymond for some of the heirs.
In the matter of the estate of the late Dr. John Berryman hearing was postponed until September 8th. Counsel stated that a settlement had been arranged and would be concluded.

COMMITTED FOR TRIAL.
AMHERST, N. S., Aug. 6.—Lena Adams, who was arrested in Fredericton and brought here last week on a charge of stealing one hundred dollars from Mrs. Aboud, an Armenian woman, was today committed for trial on the charge.
WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORT Powders will cure in from ten to twenty minutes.
ARCHBISHOP ILL.
LONDON, Aug. 5.—The Most Rev. Robt. Machray, archbishop of Rupert's Land, is seriously ill in London. Archbishop Machray is primate of all Canada and chancellor of the University of Manitoba.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

MUST BUY BONDS. A Fredericton dispatch says the provincial government has granted a license to do business to the Eastern Trusts Company, they to deposit as security with the government \$25,000 in 3 per cent. province of New Brunswick bonds, and to pay an annual license fee of \$50. The company cannot deposit provincial bonds they own, but must buy new bonds from the government.

THE CURSE OF MANKIND IS CONSTIPATION.

Ninety-tenths of the ailments we have can be traced to constipation. The bowels are for no other earthly purpose but to cleanse and keep clean and in working order our systems. Constipation is more prevalent among women than men, but it is too common in both. You may imagine you have dyspepsia, or chronic headache, or rheumatism, or heart affections, or bad blood causing eruptions—you may feel dull and ambitionless. Unless your case has been diagnosed and you know otherwise, the chances are your trouble is constipation.

Laxa-Cara Tablets, if taken after meals, draw nature into her natural course and keep the bowels regular and in healthy action. Ordinarily a short treatment will prove sufficient. In stubborn cases several boxes may be needed. It is only a question of a short time, however, when the whole intestinal system will be made strong and naturally active. Then Laxa-Cara Tablets should be stopped.

They come in small, chocolate-coated form, easy to take and palatable. From the first day you will feel their gentle but sure effect. Price 35 cents a box at your druggist's, or by mail postpaid on receipt of price.

FRANK WHEATON

SOLE AGENT FOR CANADA. FOLLY VILLAGE, N. S.

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST.
The inquest began shortly after seven o'clock in the county court room, which was filled with an interested crowd. The jury was impelled by Coroner Berryman as follows: Foreman, J. S. Armstrong; Fred Melick, Richard Rogers, David Watson, S. T. Golding, W. H. Arnold and R. B. Gilmore.
A. Geo. Blair appeared on behalf of the crown.
Henry Beckwith of Short street, the first witness sworn, told of leaving Market square for the park about two o'clock Monday afternoon, going out by Gilbert's Lane. About 2:30 he went along Lovers Lane about 150 yards then turned off a path to the right and went in about 25 or 30 feet, where he noticed a buzzing swarm of flies hovering around a pile of wood and shrubs. Opening the heap a little he saw some clothes and a man's hand. Went immediately down to a field where a man was moving and told what he had seen. The man sent him to Mr. Henry, who came up with a cart and

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