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AN ILLEGAL OPERATION WAS THE CAUSE OF DEATH

Inquest Over Body of Miss Blanche Yorke at Tamworth Continued on Thursday--The Remains Were Interred in the Methodist Church Cemetery.

Tamworth, July 30.—Miss Blanche Yorke's death was caused by an improper or illegal operation. This was the statement of Prof. W. T. Connell, bacteriologist, of Queen's university in giving his evidence at the inquest which was opened at 4.30 o'clock yesterday afternoon following an autopsy. Prof. Connell was assisted by Dr. H. W. Wilson, of Tamworth.

The autopsy was conducted in the village hall, the body being removed from the cellar of Dr. Robinson's house in a light wagon. A morbid crowd gathered around the town hall to see the white coffin which contained the body, carried into the hall, and as two men lifted the coffin through the door, hats were removed and tears in the eyes of many.

The crowd waited around until the post mortem examination was concluded, and then they jammed into the hall and filed it to capacity for the inquest proceedings. Dr. G. H. Cowan, coroner, of Napanee, conducted the inquest. C. H. Preston, crown attorney, Napanee, questioned the witnesses. The session lasted from 4.30 o'clock until 10 with an hour's adjournment for supper. The inquest was adjourned till 10 a.m., Thursday.

About a dozen witnesses were heard and there were five more to be called Thursday morning. Detective Greer was present during the taking of all evidence. Prof. Connell's Evidence. Prof. Connell, in his evidence, stated that the body of Miss Yorke gave every appearance of one which had been dead and buried for three weeks. Describing the body he said the right leg was severed midway between the knee and the ankle and the left leg was severed three inches below the knee. There was no evidence of other marks or bruises on the body. Death was due from loss of blood as a result of hemorrhage brought on forcibly. Dr. Connell said the infant was prematurely born. Three witnesses called gave evidence about the smoke coming out of Dr. Robinson's chimney on the days following Miss Yorke's disappearance. That the doctor had a fire in his furnace was evident.

Smoke From Doctor's Chimney. Mrs. Titus Wagar, Tamworth, told that on July 10th, two days after Miss Yorke's disappearance was reported, she saw smoke coming out of Dr. Robinson's chimney. She made the remark to her husband that the doctor must be cold to have a fire on such a warm night in July.

Mrs. Ann Parks, living near Dr. Robinson's house, told of smelling a strange odor two days after Miss Yorke disappeared. Several witnesses were heard who corroborated each other as to seeing a hat, rain coat and satchel in the office of Dr. Robinson on the night of Miss Yorke's disappearance, and the description they gave of the rain coat and hat corresponded with the description given by one witness, Miss Agnes Walsh, who was with Miss Yorke early on the night she disappeared.

The Remains Interred. Another sad chapter of the case was added to-day when the remains of Miss Yorke were interred in the Methodist church burying ground, owing to the fact that the body was so badly decomposed, it was not taken to the family residence. The burial service will be held in the Methodist church Friday morning, by Rev. J. Barnes, pastor of the Methodist church.

Discovery Of The Body. Witnesses were called who told the ghastly story of the finding of the body of the missing young woman, and the babe, hidden in the cellar of Dr. Robinson, and of the finding of the pieces of bone in the furnace, partly burned. The pieces of bone were shown to the members of the jury at one stage of the proceedings. One of the brothers of Miss Yorke sat near the coroner throughout all the hearing of the case and listened very attentively to all the evidence given. Men who made the search of Dr. Robinson's house told their story of the finding of blood stains on a bed, which was seized by a bailiff, and of the unearthing of a bag in the furnace room which contained blood-stained pieces of gauze, sheeting and oil cloth. All the witnesses were asked to identify the body, and while they would not swear positively that it was the body of Miss Yorke they stated that they felt sure that it was the body of the missing girl. Up until the time of adjournment at the night session none of the relatives of Miss Yorke had been called to testify or to identify the body. They will, no doubt, be called later.

The finding of the body and all the circumstances of the case has caused the highest sensation that Tamworth usually so quiet has ever had. Word of the dead body being found spread like wild fire, and all day to-day every tongue in the town was busy discussing the case. Practically no work is being done. Everyone is so interested that business has fallen flat. The finding of the body of the missing girl comes as a climax to a search which lasted three weeks, in which every part of this district was scoured by the provincial police, and else after else ransacked. The interest the case is creating is shown in the fact that in addition to the two Kingston newspapers having representatives five Toronto papers are also represented.

The First Witness.

High Constable Nankoung was the first witness, and told of summoning of the jury.

Bruce Richardson, barber, Tamworth, was called to the stand by Coroner Cowan. He told of being at Dr. Robinson's residence on Tuesday afternoon of this week, about four o'clock, with P. F. Carscallen, the bailiff, and J. Taylor, furniture dealer, of Tamworth. The bailiff made the visit to the house for the purpose of making a seizure of goods. Taylor had sold Dr. Robinson. The two Yorke boys, Samuel and Edward, were not present when the search of the house was first made, but arrived later.

The witness first described the visit which was made to what is known as the "south bedroom." In this room, he said, the carpet had been pulled up off the floor and thrown into a corner. Mr. Taylor looked at the bed, and noticed that a new mattress was missing. He glanced over the bed and was shocked to find what looked to him like blood stains on the rail on one side of the bed. On the floor, under the bed, he saw what appeared to him to be blood stains. The members of the searching party then had their suspicions aroused and continued the search. Going from the bed room to the clothes closet they found a laundry bag which contained a bath towel, soaked with blood. At this stage, the searchers stopped their work, and notified the Yorke brothers. Witnesses took the boys to the house. The discovery of the body was made later.

J. Taylor, undertaker and furniture dealer, Tamworth, knew Dr. Robinson some time from him. Owing to the doctor's prolonged absence from the town, he had endeavored to get the money due for the sale, or get the furniture back. He went with the bailiff and Bruce Richardson to Dr. Robinson's house.

"In looking over the bed," added the witness, "I noticed that the mattress on it was missing. I said to those with me, 'Boys, this looks queer.'"

"I then noticed that the rug had been rolled up and placed in the corner of the room. I raised the springs on the bed and saw what looked like a mass of blood on one side of the bed railing. I drew the attention of the others with me. I then took the springs of the bed and looked on top floor under the bed. There were spots of blood on the floor, and it looked as if some person had endeavored to wipe up some blood. I said, 'Boys, this looks bad.' My curiosity was then aroused."

Witness then told of finding the clothes bag which contained a gentleman's pink night gown, which was soiled with what looked like blood stains. Two handkerchiefs and a towel were also found in the bag, which also had stains. Witness afterwards looked in the chest but found nothing else, and then took possession of all his goods, and had them taken out of his house to his store.

Witness viewed the body and, asked by the coroner, stated that he had not the slightest doubt but that it was that of Miss Yorke. There was a chance, however, that he might be wrong.

Asked to describe the body and where it was located the witness said the head was covered with about three inches of earth and cinders, and the limbs were about four inches under the surface. Parts of both limbs were cut off, the right about four inches below the knee and the left about nine or ten inches below the knee.

The finding of two rings on the body was related by the witness. The coroner has the rings in his possession.

John O'Brien, employed as an assistant by Mr. Taylor, also gave evidence concerning the search made at Dr. Robinson's house. Story Of The Autopsy. Prof. W. T. Connell, bacteriologist of Queen's university, who conducted the autopsy on the body, assisted by Dr. H. W. Wilson of Tamworth, presented his written report. The body, he said, was that of a woman, aged about thirty, and four feet eight inches in height. As to the condition of the body he would say that it gave every appearance of being the body of a person who had been dead and buried three weeks. The right limb had been cut off midway between the knee and the ankle, and the left had been severed about three inches below the knee. There was no evidence of marks or bruises on the body. Death had been caused by hemorrhage. The child had been prematurely born. He would say that death had been caused by loss of blood, brought on by an improper or illegal operation.

Dr. H. W. Wilson corroborated the evidence of Prof. Connell as to the finding of the autopsy. He told the coroner that on one occasion Miss Yorke had secured medicine from him for stomach trouble. Witness was one who went through Dr. Robinson's house, and he described the finding of the body and the blood stains on the wall, and the bag with the blood-stained pieces of gauze. He told of the finding of the pieces of bone in the furnace. He examined the bones and described them as small bones of the leg. They were human bones, and had been burned. Witness also explained about the finding of the

lady's shoe, and purse found in the furnace. This concluded the taking of evidence up till six p. m., an adjournment being made then until 7.30 p. m.

The Inquest Resumed.

Miss Agnes Walsh, Tamworth, was the first witness called when the inquest was resumed at 7.30. She told of walking on the streets of Tamworth with Miss Yorke on the night of her disappearance, July 8th. Witness parted with Miss Yorke at Barnes' Corners. Miss Yorke told the witness that she was going to Dr. Robinson's office. Witness went home after leaving Miss Yorke, and did not see her again. Miss Yorke had told her that on the following day she intended to return to the home of the witness and resume her work of dressmaking. "Miss Yorke did not act peculiar or strange," said the witness, in answer to a question put by a jurymen. She added that Miss Yorke told her she was going to get some medicine. On the night she was missed Miss Yorke wore a tan hat, and a fawn raincoat. "I knew Dr. Robinson and was talking to him two weeks ago to-day," said Hugh Elliott, druggist, at Tamworth. "I was talking to the doctor in front of his office between 3 and 4 p. m. He complained about people in

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did not see smoke coming from the doctor's chimney. Mrs. Gertrude Redden told of seeing black smoke issuing from Dr. Robinson's house on July 15th. On the same night she noticed lights in the doctor's house, between nine and ten o'clock.

Frank Yorke, no relative to Blanche Yorke, and a resident of Tamworth, told of seeing Miss Yorke on the night she disappeared. She was walking towards her home and passed the witness's house. Witness was with Dr. Robinson and accompanied the latter to his home. Miss Yorke passed the doctor's office. Witness continued his way home. Miss Yorke could have retraced her steps and gone back to the doctor's office without him knowing it. On the following Sunday, July 12th, witness saw Dr. Robinson on the street. The doctor spoke of the disappearance. On the night Miss Yorke passed witness and the doctor the latter made no remark to Miss Yorke, and the latter did not speak to the doctor.

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