

from loss of blood, which saturated the pillow on which the two men lay. Sullivan recovered consciousness about ten o'clock, and the sergeant asked him what had occurred. He replied that a man had cut his throat, that it was dark at the time, but that he was awakened, no doubt by the pain, and saw the man run out the door. He (Sullivan) said that he knew nothing about Clifford except that he thought the same thing had occurred to him. Word of the affair was immediately sent into Limerick, and Dr Holmes, with Father Conway, P. P. St. Patrick's, was on the scene at 7.30, and attended the injured man. The doctor stitched the wound, and there are hopes that Sullivan will recover. It may here be stated that the deceased man Clifford was gashed in the centre of the wind-pipe, the wound going backwards and downwards for about three inches, and the carotid artery was severed, this being the cause of death. Sullivan received more serious injuries to the windpipe, but fortunately for him the main artery was not severed. District Inspector Hetreed, Head-Constable Feeney, and several men from William street were on the scene in a very short time after the matter had been reported, and made a thorough examination of the room and surrounding premises, but found no blood-stained razor, or in fact anything that would give a clue to the perpetrator of the awful crime. A razor was found in the deceased man's box, but this was quite clean, and in another part of the premises a second razor in a similar condition was found, but it was ascertained that this was merely used by a girl for paring corns. The room itself was fairly orderly; there were no traces of blood on the floor, and the blood stains were altogether confined to the pillow, and a smear slightly under the bed, which was doubtless caused by the impression of a thumb. There are two beds in the room, a chair and a table, and agricultural implements. The clothes of the men were suspended from a peg fixed on to the rafter. It may be remarked that Sullivan stated he had a razor, but threw it away three weeks ago. A purse of his, containing the sum of 1s 1d was found by Sergeant Rogan at the foot of the steps leading to the room, and this may be regarded as a further corroboration of the statement that the outrage was committed by a third party, who dropped the purse in his flight. Various theories are put forward in explanation of the mysterious and harrowing affair, but these are mere conjectures, and it can only be hoped that the minute investigations by the police will result in explaining a reliable clue, of which, however, there does not seem to be a very definite prospect. In connection with one theory it is stated that for some time past a lunatic with homicidal tendencies has been at large in a neighbouring county, and his description detailed in the *Hue and Cry*. The idea is entertained that the murder may have been committed by some such person, but at all events the idea is largely entertained that it was the work of an outsider who would have had little difficulty in effecting an entrance. Then there is the theory of attempted murder and suicide, but so far the police notwithstanding their diligent inquiries have been unable to unravel the mystery, certainly the most extraordinary and inexplicable occurrence which has taken place in this district for many years. The utmost precautions are being taken by the police throughout the county to keep suspicious persons under observation.

THE INQUEST—THIS DAY.

An inquest was held at Kilbane to-day, by Mr Coroner M. R. Clerly and a jury, on the body of Michael Clifford. The evidence produced threw very little additional light on the tragedy, for the reason that, as stated by Mr Hetreed, D.I., at the opening of the proceedings, the police investigation is incomplete, and that under the circumstances the jury had simply to return an open

Jeremiah Clifford deposed—I live at Carker, near Castleisland. I identify the body as that of my brother, Michael Clifford. His age would be something over 20 years, and he was unmarried. The last time I saw him was on St. Patrick's Day.

The Coroner announced that the post-mortem examination had been held by Dr. McGrath, assisted by Mr. Enright, of Castleconnell. He regretted the absence of Dr. Ryan, of Castleconnell, the Dispensary Officer of the District, whom he telegraphed to, but he had previous engagements and could not turn up. The old Grand Jury, and subsequently the County Council, gave instructions to coroners not to summon doctors till they came to the place and saw it was necessary. When they came here they found they could not have a doctor at the time, and this delayed the jury and handicapped the whole business. They were told not to summon the doctor until they saw that the necessity arose for doing so, and, of course he (Coroner) could not see the necessity until he came there. Of course, independent of that order, the Coroner had full power to act within the law.

The Foreman said that out of courtesy to Dr. Ryan they would wait for him.

Dr. Ryan attended soon after and examined the body.

Dr. John Ryan, examined, deposed—I saw the post-mortem examination made on the body. I found an incised wound on the neck on the left side, severing the deep vessels on that side. From the appearance of the man, and there being no blood found about his hands, I believe this wound was not self-inflicted. Death was due to hemorrhage from the wound on the neck.

Dr. M. S. McGrath—I made a post-mortem examination, assisted by Mr. Enright, on the body of the deceased, and I was subsequently assisted by Dr. Ryan. The body was that of a well-developed man. On the left side of his neck we found an incised wound two and a half inches long, extending from right to left; it began at the right side over the middle of the neck. The superficial veins were also cut. We found the jugular vein and external carotid artery were severed, and death was due to hemorrhage. I believe the wound was not self-inflicted, but inflicted by some person or persons unknown.

Foreman—Were there any other marks on the body? No, except post-mortem ones.

The Coroner said if they wished to terminate the inquest to-day they would have to arrive at an open verdict, but if they wished to adjourn the inquest he would do so. Had the other man made any statement?

District Inspector Hetreed said he had made the same statement to him that he had made to others.

Coroner—Has he made a sworn deposition?

Mr. Hetreed—He is not in a condition to do so. He could not make a deposition without someone being arrested.

Coroner—He could make an information. Addressing the jury, he said they did not know who caused the wound, but according to the evidence of the doctors it was not suicidal, and they would have to return an open verdict.

The Foreman said they agreed with the Coroner's remarks that there was nothing else before them. He supposed the Crown would take it up if there was any evidence in the future.

Mr. Hetreed said that was the reason he did not propose to produce any further evidence to-day, because it would hamper him in his investigations.

The jury returned the following verdict:—"Death was due to hemorrhage from a wound in his neck, inflicted by some person or persons unknown."

A party of six police, under the direction of Mr. Hetreed, have arranged to hold another exhaustive search of the premises and surrounding locality, with a view to finding the weapon with which the deed was committed.

The remains of the deceased were removed by the evening's train for interment at his native place, near Castleisland.

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"for.

Mr. Donnellan said tillery people found fault should not carry it on Mr. Whelan—Was a question that this firm give in the city.

The Mayor—I am a no man more willing Donnellan.

Mr. Donnellan—I can stand upon our own feet they can take the County want to avoid that.

The Mayor—They before the Corporation.

Mr. Donnellan said place in an unsanitary people might object.

The Mayor—The district large vested interest.

Mr. Donnellan—I they have the option from the Corporation.

Mr. Herbert said, to show much consideration the people when they ground opposite their.

Mr. Donnellan said tillery should be made.

The Mayor stated recently got permission take water from the Corporation.

Mr. Donnellan—But the sewerage.

Mr. Whelan suggested matter until they could not be found.

Mr. Donnellan said the sewerage of the place he had built a pump were ready for occupation waiting until the sewer.

The Mayor said that the water for a community.

Mr. Donnellan said they proposed their object.

The Mayor—That more a self-interested world.

It was decided next meeting.

The remaining business.

"A BRIEF THI

The plague is a thousand deaths occurred.

Damage to the pounds was caused to day.

Beside his personal late Lord Russell of a hundred thousand.

John Price, labourer at Currahaha, and killed.

The Duke and Duke now in the Tyrol, with the beginning of November.

The objection to each plate, at Tram deposit returned.

The War office has way horses owned by nation, the price paid.

The average death four weeks was 16.