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VERDICT OF THE CORONER'S JURY

Smith Held Responsible for the Murder on Sunday.

Both Prisoners Given a Preliminary Hearing and Committed to the County Jail Without Bail—The Inquest.

The coroner's jury empaneled to investigate the cause of Michael Choro's death met last evening and rendered a verdict to the effect that the deceased died as a result of a bullet wound inflicted by Thomas Smith.

The prisoners were given a hearing on Monday evening before Squire Shovlin and were committed to prison without bail. They were taken to Wilkesbarre yesterday morning.

Application for the release of the accused through habeas corpus proceedings was made yesterday, and the court set Monday next as the date for the hearing.

THE HEARING.

Story of the Crime as Told by Witnesses in Squire Shovlin's Court.

County Detective Richard Jones arrived in town Monday evening and immediately swore out information charging Thomas Smith and Lewis Dinn with the murder of Michael Choro. The warrant was at once served upon the prisoners, and, at the conclusion of the hearing which followed, Justice Shovlin committed both men to the county jail without bail to await the action of the next grand jury.

Attorney Carr represented the prosecution at the hearing, and the interests of Smith were looked after by Attorney Kline and those of Dinn by Attorney Brown.

The hearing attracted several hundred people, and the streets were lined with as many more as the young men were taken from the lockup to Squire Shovlin's office and back again.

Michael Luckash, coachman for A. B. Core at Drifton, was the first witness. He described in detail the actions of the prisoners at the church; told of Choro remonstrating quietly with them, and the abusive language which Dinn returned. The men were standing in the church gateway when Choro lifted off Dinn's hat the second time. Choro asked him to hold his hat in his hand or go away. Dinn immediately put his hand in his pocket, pulled it out again and then struck Choro a blow which felled him. Smith said: "Skip away, Dinn." The latter replied: "I won't." When Choro began to arise Smith said "Come on, Dinn." Both then ran, Dinn going northward and Smith southward, with Choro following Dinn.

Dr. McCarroll testified that he was called to attend the dying man by Attorney McLaughlin, but that the man was dead when he arrived. He gave a very clear description of Choro's injuries, as revealed by the autopsy. The physician described the course of the bullet (which was offered in evidence) and swore that death was due to the ball entering Choro's body. The cut over the left eye was described as one not likely to be made by a man's fist, but more probably by something dull and heavy.

SAW SMITH SHOOT CHORO.

John Zeparko, of Freeland, was the most important witness called. With Michael Degan and Andrew Jeselska he left Andrew Kasardo's shortly after 12 o'clock to attend the services. Walked up Ridge street to Main and up Main to Fern street alley. Was walking up the alley when he saw a man standing at end of Gula's lot. Said to his friends: "Come this way; there's a man." Degan said: "Go on." All walked on. Came up as far as Gula's alley and saw the man was Smith. Saw Choro about ten feet away. Saw Smith fire a shot. Choro called out: "Peoples, if you believe in God, help me." Saw Choro fall. Degan ran forward and grabbed Smith, who stumbled and fell. The three held Smith and tried to take from him the revolver, which was warm, but did not get it until policeman came. Smith and Choro were the only ones he saw in Gula's alley. He heard no noise or quarrelling before the shot was fired.

With Chief of Police Charles O'Donnell's testimony the prosecution closed its case. The officer heard the shot when he was on Main street, near his home. Ran to where he thought the report came from and found three men

struggling and saw one lying on the ground. Took the revolver from Smith, pulled Smith's coat over Smith's head and dragged him through open wagon shed in Gula's alley to Ridge street, where he recognized his prisoner. After locking him up he returned and examined the locality. Found evidences of a struggle and blood-prints near where dead man was lying. Saw two white hats (which were produced) and stated that both prisoners had claimed them as their property when shown to them Monday afternoon. One hat contained Dinn's name and residence on inside band. Searched Smith at lockup and found keys, papers, money and steel knuckles. A knife and a billy, found at the scene of the shooting, were offered in evidence. Dinn acknowledged ownership of the knife Sunday morning and said he struck Choro with the closed knife at the church. The revolver taken from Smith was shown. It is a 38-calibre. One chamber was empty, four were loaded. The cartridge next to empty one was dented, proving that it had missed fire. Half an hour after locking up Dinn, the chief heard him say to Smith: "Why did you hold off so long?" The officer described the locality of the crime and the alley or lot in which the shooting took place, also the effect the arc light near the Italian church has upon the Gula alley.

Attorney Brown made a brief plea for Dinn's release, which the justice said could be granted only by the higher authorities.

Next morning the prisoners were taken at 7:40 o'clock to the county jail. The parting of the young men at the station with their friends and relatives made a pathetic scene.

THE INQUEST.

Coroner's Jury Names Smith as the Murderer of Michael Choro.

Deputy Coroner Daniel McKelvey, of Hazleton, conducted the inquest to determine the cause of Choro's death. The testimony was taken at the office of Squire Shovlin last evening.

The jury consisted of Hugh Malloy, Oliver Miller, George McGee, D. P. Jones, John Shigo and George Letchko. Five witnesses were examined, after which the jury consulted and in a short while returned the following verdict: "That Michael Choro came to his death as a result of a bullet wound from a 38-calibre revolver, in the hands of Thomas Smith."

Dr. McCarroll was the first witness. His testimony was practically the same as that given by him the previous evening.

THE FUNERAL.

Body of the Victim Laid at Rest With Impressive Ceremonies.

The funeral of Michael Choro took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. In the midst of a heavy downpour of rain the remains were taken from the home of Michael Pasternak, on South street, to St. Mary's church, where the lengthy burial service of the Greek Catholics was conducted, after which they were placed at rest in the cemetery of that denomination.

STILL IN SESSION.

Representatives of Operators and Miners Meet Again Today.

The members of the subcommittee of coal operators and representatives of the United Mine Workers, which was appointed at the meeting held under the auspices of the National Civic Federation on Saturday, met at New York city yesterday. Only members of the subcommittee were present.

The conference adjourned at 4 o'clock without having come to any settlement. President Mitchell said the committee would meet again today.

Before going into the meeting President Mitchell, of the Mine Workers, said he could venture no prediction as to the outcome.

"Our demands have been published and all I can say is we are to try to obtain them," he declared.

"Will you insist on recognition of union?" he was asked.

"I believe it is generally known that is one of our demands," was the evasive reply.

It was reported that the miners have presented only the eight-hour a day and the 20 per cent increase in wages propositions.

Up to the time of going to press today the Tribune had not received any news from the conference.

Magnificent Frame.

One of the most handsome picture frames ever exhibited in town is now being displayed in the window of Photographer Herbst's gallery, opposite the Citizens' bank. The frame is a seven-inch deep moulding, finished in rich gold. The glass is heavy plate, three-eighths of an inch thick, and measures 50x70 inches. The frame complete weighs eighty pounds.

The mat of the frame contains eighty-four cabinet-size mortises, into which will be inserted the photographs of the members of the Tigers Athletic Club.

For a year past the club has been collecting the photographs of its non-resident members, the latter now being scattered throughout the land from Massachusetts to California and British Columbia.

All have now been secured and have been recompiled by Mr. Herbst, and with those of the resident members, which were taken at the Herbst studio, will be placed in the frame.

When completed the picture will be placed in position in the Tigers clubhouse on Walnut street.

The New Courthouse.

County Commissioners Jones, Hay and Finn and Architect F. J. Ostaling met yesterday in the office of the commissioners to go over the plans and specifications for the new courthouse and to consider the next step to be taken in the matter. It was decided to have the architects prepare several sets of working plans and specifications for contractors who expect to bid on the building.

As soon as these are prepared another meeting of the commissioners and the architect will be held and bids will be advertised for.

The kind of stone that will be used in the building has not yet been decided upon. The commissioners will make an effort to use as much native stone as possible. Commissioner Jones stated that he is desirous of using home material and home labor wherever possible, his belief that Luzerne county citizens should be given the preference if they can do the work as well as outsiders.

Sennick Murder Trial.

Two confessions formed the chief evidence yesterday in the trial of Victor Searambo, charged with the murder of Anthony Sennick. One stated that the deed had been committed by Peter Lenousky, whose case is to follow the close of Searambo's trial. This was made by Searambo, and he said that, while he was in the plot with Lenousky to kill Sennick, it was the latter who struck the blow. The second was Lenousky's confession, accusing Searambo.

It was one of the most dramatic scenes ever witnessed in court. The two glared at each other, one at the defendant's table, the other in the prisoner's pan, while the jury was deeply impressed. Then the commonwealth closed and the defense lasted but two hours. It was that Searambo had not struck the blow.

The case will go to the jury today. Verdicts of first degree are expected in each case.

Building Improvements.

Contractor Griffith has been given the contract to erect a single dwelling house for John Breznak on the corner of Adams and Carbon streets.

The parsonage owned by St. Kasimer's Polish Catholic congregation and occupied by the pastor, Rev. J. Delinkatiz, is to be altered and improved. Contractor Lentz will do the work.

LOCAL NOTES

WRITTEN UP

Short Items of Interest to All Readers.

Happenings of the Past Two Days in and Around Freeland Recorded Without Waste of Words.

A mass meeting of the United Mine Workers in the employ of G. B. Markle & Co. will be held tomorrow evening at the Grand opera house to consider the reply received from Superintendent Smith, relative to the grievances recently presented to him.

Mrs. Henry J. Gillespie, accompanied by her four children, arrived here on Monday from their home in Anaconda, Montana. They are the guests of Mr. Gillespie's mother, on Main street, and will spend the summer in the East.

The Good Wills Athletic Association is pushing the sale of tickets for the entertainment on Saturday evening, when Taylor's Minstrels, of Hazleton, will make their appearance at the Grand opera house under the club's auspices.

The remains of John Zipoy, who died on Monday at Stockton, arrived here at 11:42 o'clock this morning. Services were conducted in St. Peter and Paul's Slavonian Lutheran church. Interment was made at Freeland cemetery.

Henry Phipps, a member of the Carnegie Company, who visited the White Haven sanitarium of the Free Hospital for Poor Consumptives last Friday, has since sent to Dr. Lawrence F. Flick, the president, a check for \$2,500.

The fifth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Newhart was celebrated at their home on Walnut street last evening. The large number of friends who were present spent a delightful evening.

Several Freeland members of the order attended the Knights of Columbus banquet and dance at Hazleton last evening. Attorney John M. Carr, of town, was toastmaster at the banquet.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Julia O'Donnell took place this morning from the home of her daughter, Mrs. Condy Boyle, on East Main street. Interment was made at St. Ann's cemetery.

The remains of Thomas Sherry were disinterred yesterday at Eckley cemetery and re-interred at Hazleton. Mr. Sherry was buried over twenty years ago.

An exhibition of Edison's kineoscope, showing the life of Christ, will be given at St. John's Reformed church on Wednesday evening of next week.

Preparations are being made to rebuild the sections of the fence surrounding the Tigers park which were damaged by storms during the past winter.

L. V. Stewart and family, of Adams street, have returned from a visit to John Stewart, Butler valley, who is dangerously ill.

John MacFarlane was found dead in bed at Jeanesville Monday morning, aged 59 years. He was a brother of Stewart MacFarlane, of Drifton.

Michael Boyle, of Birdsboro, is visiting his brother, Con, and is receiving treatment for injuries received in a stone quarry of which he is foreman.

Charles Dusheck suffers from an injured toe, caused by a horse stepping upon it.

James Nutze, aged 13 years, of North Centre street, broke his arm this afternoon on a gate at the rear of his home.

Adam Bube has been awarded \$400 by a Carbon county jury in a suit against Weatherly borough for the loss of his son, who was killed by a live electric wire owned by the borough.

Milton Walck, of Lehighton, a prospector for the Penn Forest Gold Mining Company, says he has discovered gold ore on Pocono mountain, Carbon county, assaying from \$1,000 to \$1,500 per ton. Great excitement prevails, as the search has been on for many years.

P. F. Lynch has been appointed tax receiver of Wilkesbarre by his brother, Judge Lynch. He will replace Colonel R. B. Ricketts, who for four years has held the office. Mr. Lynch has long been a Democratic politician, and has held several clerkships in the county offices.

PLEASURE.

May 3.—"Taylor's Minstrels," of Hazleton, under the auspices of the Good Wills Athletic Association. Admission, 25, 35, 50 cents.

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Ticket Scalping.

Although there is a law on the statute books of Pennsylvania against ticket scalping, there has been, and is, more or less of this ticket scalping done at various points in the state. A case of this kind has recently been tried in Scranton and the offending party fined \$25 and costs. It has only recently been decided by the supreme court of Pennsylvania, that the law is a good one, and the recent activity in punishing violators of it, seems to indicate that the courts intend to see that the practice is stopped.

The railroads are trying to stamp out this evil of ticket scalping, which is the cause of so much trouble to innocent purchasers of these scalpers' tickets, and the best way to discourage the traffic in railroad tickets by unauthorized parties, seems to be through the courts in the way of fines, to such an extent that it will make it unprofitable.

Proposals Wanted. Proposals will be received by John Grega, up to 7 p. m., on May 1, 1902, for building an addition to the rear of his house on South Ridge street; contractor to furnish all material, excavating and labor.

Plans can be seen by calling on the undersigned any evening after 7 p. m. at his dwelling, John Grega, South Ridge street, Freeland.

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