

INQUEST OVER LEACH.

Four Witnesses Examined Yesterday
by the Coroner.

WILL BE CONTINUED TODAY.

An Autopsy Shows that the Bullet Passed Entirely Through Leach's Brain—He Will be Buried Tomorrow Afternoon and All Labor Organizations are Requested to Take Part.

At the inquest yesterday over the body of J. H. Leach, the bartender who was shot Thursday morning by R. E. Taylor, a deputy United States marshal, four witnesses were examined. The story as told by these witnesses was the same as the one published in the CHIEFTAIN that morning. All the eye witnesses say that Leach had a revolver in his hand when he came to the door.

An autopsy was held yesterday and the findings of the physicians will be given to the jury today. The bullet which caused Leach's death was found lodged in the back of the head just inside the scalp having passed entirely through the brain.

Patrick Dillon, a police officer, said he was on the corner below where the shooting occurred but went to the place at once. He saw Leach lying on the floor in a pool of blood and noticed a revolver lying near the body. His attention was called to the revolver, and he went for the patrol wagon and city physician and helped put Leach in the wagon.

Robert A. Kirk, a friend of Leach, said he was in the saloon when the deputies came in and heard them ask for drinks and heard Leach refuse them. He saw the deputies go out and went out soon after. The crowd outside "guyed" the deputies. Leach came to the door with a gun in his hand. Taylor drew his gun and fired. Witness then left.

Patrick McIvor, a private, A company Seventeenth infantry, was the next witness. He said he had just been in and had a drink and had come out on the sidewalk when the deputies came across the street and went into the saloon but came out in a moment and started up the street. He turned to look at them and some remark was made to him by them. Taylor was standing in the middle of the sidewalk when Leach came to the door. Taylor at once drew his revolver. Witness did not hear Leach say anything or see him have a gun. Leach made no hostile remarks to anyone on the outside.

William P. DeWolf, another soldier from the same company, then testified. His evidence was practically the same as McIvor's with the exception that he said Leach had a gun and had it pointed toward the street. He heard some man say "Hold on, John." Leach replied that he was simply protecting the place. Immediately after this was said the shot was fired. Taylor called the attention of the crowd to Leach's gun. "Leach's gun was pointed as much toward me as it was toward Taylor."

At the close of DeWolf's testimony the inquest adjourned until 9 o'clock this morning.

The funeral of Mr. Leach will take place from Olin & Co's undertaking rooms tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. The funeral will be in charge of the Bricklayers' union and the Musicians' union have volunteered to furnish the music. All labor organizations in the city are requested to attend the funeral in a body. He will be buried in the old Masonic cemetery by the side of his sister who was interred there about two years ago.