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FORMER GROCER'S FOUND DEAD IN BED

Andrew Murray Died, It Is
Thought, from Heart Failure
—No Relatives Here.

Andrew Murray, a middle-aged man, formerly proprietor of a grocery store at English Bay, was found lying on his bed dead this morning by Mrs. H. A. McLeod, the landlady of a private rooming house at Hornby street. The cause of death is believed to have been heart failure.

Murray, who is not known to have relatives in this country, had been declining recently of his health, as well known in the city, having had several stores in different sections of Vancouver. He retired early last night, and when he did not arise in usual hour this morning, Mrs. McLeod went to the room at 11 o'clock, rapped on the door. Receiving no answer, she thought that he might have gone out earlier than was his custom and pushed the door open, to discover his dead body lying on the floor.

From the position of the remains, evidently during the night he had been attacked by his malady and in endeavoring to rise and secure assistance had fallen back on the bed and died. A police were notified and Constable Symes was placed in charge of the body until the arrival of the coroner. He summoned Dr. W. J. Verdon, who declared that the man had died for ten or twelve hours.

AKLAVA VETERAN DIES

Victor of Charge of Light Brigade
Passes Away.

July 16.—Daniel Dowling, a survivor of the charge of the Light Brigade at Balaklava, died in his county home today. Dowling was born in Ireland in 1832 and served twenty years in the British army.

TEEN ENTOMBED IN MINING SHAFT

Flow of Water Following
Rain Cuts Off Rescue—
Two Hundred Escape.

July 16.—A special to the St. Paul Evening Dispatch, Minn., says that a boy was imprisoned in the No. 1 shaft of a Spruce mine here as a result of a flow of water following a heavy rain. The boy was rescued after two hours.

AGREE TO ADMIT HINDU'S MOTHER

Government Authorities Will
Also Allow His Four Children
to Come.

Concession Given to Hakam
Singh Is to Be Regarded as
"Act of Grace."

With the distinct stipulation that the special concession is to be regarded as a special "act of grace," and not as a precedent, permission has been granted by Hon. W. J. Roche, Dominion minister of the interior, for the admission of the mother and the four children of a local Hindu named Hakam Singh. Word to this effect has been received by The Province from Ottawa.

The relatives of Hakam Singh have been at Hong Kong for twelve months endeavoring to obtain the special permission referred to. The fact that the Hindu is not supposed to be in sympathy with the members of the colony who have been responsible for the agitation raised to let down the bars against the wives and children of their countrymen, is understood to have been a favorable and determining factor in the granting of the privilege.

MOTHER SEES SON FLY TO HIS DEATH

Young California Aviator In-
stantly Killed When Plane
Collapses.

Chico, Cal., July 16.—Thaddeus Kearns, Chico's 20-year-old aviator, was instantly killed last evening near his home, a mile north of town, when the lower plane collapsed and was torn by the propeller, and man and wreckage hurled to the ground. The radiator crushed the aviator's head, while other parts of the biplane pierced his body. Kearns' aged mother, who had stepped to the door to see her son fly, was a witness to the tragedy.

Army Aviator Killed.
Jueterborg, Germany, July 16.—

Defectives Think Victim May
Have Held Stick of Dynamite
in Mouth.

While Doctor Believes Blow
Delivered on Skull Was
Cause of Death.

A deep mystery surrounds the death of the unidentified man whose body was found in Stanley Park on Sunday afternoon hidden in an almost impenetrable thicket. The physician who yesterday made the post-mortem examination is convinced that the man had been murdered by a blow dealt by a blunt instrument which had fractured the skull, and in some manner the same murderer had severed the head from the body. The police, however, still incline to the suicide theory, and suggest that a stick of dynamite or other explosive had been held in the mouth and discharged, breaking the skull and blowing off a portion of the upper jaw, which was not found until yesterday.

The body was discovered by William Stewart, a young man who was tramping through the woods in the park on Sunday afternoon. He first saw the legs protruding from the underbrush, and thinking it was some tourist asleep did not bother much until at length the supposed sleeper did not respond to his call. Examination disclosed the decomposed head and body lying two or three feet apart. He notified a constable and the body was taken to the morgue. It was then thought that the man had committed suicide by taking poison in tablet form as no evidence of a revolver or poison bottle was to be found in the vicinity.

Did Not Take Poison.
To such an extent were the remains decomposed that it was not at first noticed that a portion of the upper jaw was missing, but this with the fractured dome of the skull was disclosed to Dr. G. F. Curtis on his taking the body to make the post-mortem examination. Investigation by the doctor proved that poison had not been taken.

Dr. Curtis yesterday afternoon reported his finding and his opinion that murder had been committed to the police and Detectives McArthur and Thompson were detailed to make further investigations.

After a search lasting several hours, they discovered the missing portion of the jaw, half buried in the leaves and underbrush, while a few feet from the place where the body lay a pair of spectacles and a soft felt hat were found. Another pair of spectacles were in the clothing when examined. Having searched without success the immediate vicinity for any weapon which might have been used to deal a death blow, they separated and carefully examined the locality, but nothing was located which in any way would throw any light on the mystery.

What Supports Murder Theory.
Returning to the place of the tragedy, Detective McArthur picked up, from under a little pile of fallen leaves, what he at first thought was a buckskin glove, but which proved to be the cuticle of a man's hand, intact with the finger nails. Nothing further was found although the detectives and P. C. Sharkey hunted till dark, and after reviewing the circumstances they agreed on the theory that the man had com-