

INQUEST

THE PERSEVERANCE FATALITY.

VERDICT: ACCIDENTAL DEATH.

The adjourned inquest touching the death of Matthew Thomas Turnbull, who was killed on the Perseverance mine last Friday, was concluded at Boulder by the coroner (Mr. W. A. G. Walter) to-day. The jury consisted of Messrs. H. G. Alder, Thos. MacKenay, and Wm. Hugo. Mr. Mayhall appeared for the Cyanide and Filterpores Union, Mr. Randell for the company, and Inspector Jones for the Mines Department.

Alfred Williams, bracedman, deposed that on Friday last he started work at 8 a.m. About 8.20 he went round to the crusher for a shovel, and as he was returning saw what looked like a bit of bagging under the wheel. On examination he found it to be the body of Turnbull. He raised the alarm, and several people helped him to get the man out. He could not say if he was conscious. Turnbull had been engaged feeding the crusher. Witness had no idea of the cause of the accident. The crusher was stopped in 14 or 2 minutes. Deceased was a temperate man as far as he knew.

Dr. Cameron deposed having attended deceased at Nurse Wright's hospital. When he saw him he was deeply unconscious, and he never rallied. He made a post-mortem examination and found that there was a large bruise over the right side of the head and a large swelling on the neck and face. There was a cut about 4 inches long over the left buttock extending to the bone, and a large hemorrhage between the scalp and skull bone. The brain was lacerated and torn. Death was due to shock.

H. A. Nankivell, oiler, saw the deceased about 8.15, when he asked how the box for feeding the cracker was. He walked towards the cracker, and witness next saw him when he was being got out from the wheel. He had known the deceased about 10 months, and he seemed a careful and steady man.

T. J. Harris, mill foreman, deposed that it was deceased's duty to look after the crusher. Near to the fly wheel were some grease caps and he was of opinion that deceased overbalanced and fell into the crusher while attending to these. He had worked on or

and fell into the crusher while attending to these. He had worked on or about the crusher for four years, and was a capable man.

The jury returned a verdict that Turnbull met his death by accident, no blame being attachable to anyone. They were of opinion that deceased's injuries were received by coming in contact with the flywheel of the stone crushed at the Perseverance mine.

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