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JURY PROBES DEATH OF MAN IN CITY JAIL

Autopsy Discloses Pneumonia Cause of Tuck's Demise.

POLICE NEGLECT CHARGED Illness Severe but Even Proper Care Might Have Failed. Says Attorney.

That Eugene Tuck should have been in the emergency hospital instead of a cell at the city jail on May 12 and 13, and that his illness was such that it could be observed by any intelligent person looking at him on Monday or l'uesday preceding the day of his death were two of the main contentions presented to the jury of seven citizens appointed by Mayor Baker to conduct an investigation in connection with the case by John A. Collier.

Collier, who was one of the attorneys for the dead man, issued statements to the newspapers charging City Health Officer Parrish, City Physician Ziegler and members of the police department neglecting properly to care for Tuck which resulted in the calling of the present probe. Mayor Baker told the jury that he would abide by its mendations and that it was his purpose in calling the hearing to determine if any city employes or officials were guilty of negligence in con-nection with the care of Eugene Tuck,

Pneumonia Cause of Death. Double lobar pneumonia following influenza was given as the cause of Tuck's death by Dr. C. H. Wheeler, who performed the autopsy. That the man should have been in the emergency hospital, that his case should have been diagnosed early and readily but that all such attention would probably not have saved his life, were the main points in Dr. Wheeler's testimony. Deputy City Attorney E. Y. Lansing Jr. is conducting the case in behalf of the city with Attorneys John A Collier

the city, with Attorneys John A. Collier and William M. Davis backing up the allegations made against the city offi-cials by Mr. Collier.

Mr. Collier, who was the first with Mr. Collier, who was the first wit-ness called by the city, said that he first saw Tuck on Monday morning. At that time, he said, Tuck was suf-fering from a severe cold. On Monday evening, when the inquest was held at the courthouse to determine the cause of the death of Mrs. Edna Tuck, Mr. Collier testified that Tuck told him that he (Tuck) had requested medical mitention but had received none.

Medical Aid Asked.

"Learning that Tuck was in a bad condition, I spoke to Captain Jenkins and requested him to see that my client was taken care of," said Mr. Collier "Captain Jenkins assured me that he would do this and I was certainly sur-prised when on Tuesday I found Tuck in his cell and not in the emergency hospital.

hospital." "On Tuesday morning Drs. Ziegler and Parrish were in the jall corridor on some other business," said Mr. Col-lier. "When I saw Dr. Ziegler, whom I know very well, I told him that Tuck was a very sick man. Dr. Ziegler asked Tuck to walk across the corridor which he did. Then Tuck was told to walk back. He staggered and tottered, rather than walked

rather than walked. "Dr. Ziegler asked him if he had mand drugs and he replied in the nega-tive. Dr. Ziegler then said 'Damned if I know what is the matter with him." When I suggested to Dr. Ziegler that Tuck should be sent to the hospital he wald ther could not do that as he was

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prisoner had escaped?" sought Mayor Baker. "Looked for a new job, I guess," wag the officer's reply. the officer's reply. the defendants, bad back of A. B. Ridge-indicted with the other defendants, had the hearing is composed of A. B. Ridge-indicted with the other defendants, had the hearing is composed of A. B. Ridge-the straight, Way (foreman), Mrs. A. C. Newill, Dr. John F. Beaumont, J. L. Wright, J. R. Straight, Walter S. Asher and B. Lee

The appearance of Tuck was changed Paget.

The appearance of Tuck was changed on Monday night from that of Saturday and Sunday, according to Police In-spector Wright, who was one of the arresting officers. On Saturday he said that Tuck was brazen and bold, on Sunday he asked for a cigarette and smoked it, but on Monday night he looked haggard and worn out. At no time did Tuck ask Inspector Wright for medical attention, he said All that he noted in particular about

CENTRALIA, Wash., May 20.-(Spe-cial)-The attorneys for Bruce Rich-ards and August Oess, two Centralians (convicted in the federal court in Ta-coma Saturday on a charge of conspir-ing to ship liquor into the state from California, yesterday entered a motion for a new trial. The motion will prob-ably be acted upon Friday. In their motion the attorneys alteged. that Richards and Oess are entitled to

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Centralians Seek Escape From Punishment for Shipping Liquor. CENTRALIA, Wash., May 20 .- (Spe All that he noted in particular about his condition was the hacking cough, which the police officer said he at-tributed to constant use of cigarettes.

tributed to constant use of cigarettes. Tuck was suffering from a severe mental strain on Monday, according to the belief expressed by Leo Goetsch, deputy county corener, who observed the prisoner on Saturday, Monday and Tuesday. On Tuesday, he testified, Tuck seemed to be sick, which he be-lieved was due to Tuck's mental con-dition more than anything else. The jury hearing the evidence in

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said they could not do that as he was a murder suspect and it would be necessary to put a ball and chain on him. I told Dr. Ziegier that such prohim. I told Dr. Ziegler that such pro-cedure would not be necessary as the was was too sick to attempt to get away. Then Dr. Ziegler ordered some calomel for Tuck and ordered him moved to a quiet cell. There was no diagnosis made by either Dr. Ziegler or that man Parrish that I know of." Frequently Mr. Collier referred to City Health Officer Parrish as "that man Parrish." man Parrish."

Original Trouble Influenza.

Dr. C. H. Wheeler, who performed the autopsy on the body of Mr. Tuck, told the jury that death was caused by double lobar pneumonia and that his investigation showed that both lungs were affected.

'My opinion is that the man's original trouble was influenza with pneumonia as the contributing factor," said Dr. Wheeler. Other organs were in a healthy state and the type of pagumonia which caused Mr. Tuck's death is the type which follows influenza cases."

which follows influenza cases." Dr. Wheeler's statement opened a lengthy discussion over the disease of influenza and its contributing diseases which finally ended in Dr. Wheeler testifying that cases differed. He cited one case in which came under his ob-servation and died the same day. Another of the same type came under his observation and did not die for four days later. Both men when first seen, he said, were able to walk to his offlee, but both were sent to the hospital Immediately.

'It is not difficult to diagnose influenza," said Dr. Wheeler, and this case should have been diagnosed early and readily. The man should have been sent to the emergency hospital for the fluenza." emergency hospital was established for that purpose.

When A. B. Ridgeway, foreman of the citizen's jury, sought to establish if proper attention might have saved Tuck's life, Dr. Wheeler said that it was problematical and that surely if Tuck was suffering from pneumonia three days prior to his death, all the attention in the world would not have saved him

Tuck Sick Before Arrest.

Mr. Tuck was sick on Friday, the day prior to his arrest, according to the testimony of Stephen E. Westover, su-perintendent of the boller department of the Willamette Iron & Steel Works, where Mr. Tuck was employed. Mr. Westover told the jury that Tuck had been celled in the superintendent's of been called in the superintendent's of-fice on Friday afternoon and at that time complained of feeling "rotten." According to Mr. Westover, Tuck said

on Monday night that he had asked for medical attention, but had received none. The witness said that he noticed that Tuck's face bore a pallor, his eyes were glassy and he appeared to be very weak. It was necessary, he said, to assist Tuck down the stairs in the

court house following the inquest. Through the testimony of Police In-spector Wright it was established that Tuck managed to leave the room in which the inquest was held and make his way to the lavatory, at least 200

his way to the lavatory, at least 200 feet from the room, and return with-out assistance on Monday night. "Inspector Gordon and myself were at the inquest in charge of Tuck,", tes-tified Wright. "Tuck was sitting with his friends and we were across the room from him. All of a sudden e noticed that he was missing and Gor-don asked me where Tuck was Wdon asked me where Tuck was. We started to search and found him re-turning to the room in which the in-quest was being held.

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