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THE CORONER'S COURT.

CURDRIDGE WOODMAN KILLED ON THE RAILWAY.

An inquest was held at Botley Railway Station on Friday of last week by Henry White, Esq., county coroner, touching the death of Walter Frimmer, a woodman, of Curbridge, Botley, whose body was found decapitated on the railway line on the Fareham side of Botley station on the 4th inst. Mr. C. Stebbington, solicitor, than of the jury, and Mr. E. J. Stannard, Inspector of the Railway Police, attended the inquiry on behalf of the L. & S.W.R. Co.—Job Beames, foreman plasterer, identified the body, and stated that he last saw deceased alive on February 2nd, when he was in his usual health. On Thursday morning at 7.30 he found deceased on the up line side of the railway running from Fareham to Botley in the parish of Curdridge. The head was severed from the body and was lying in the 4ft. way. The body was cold and slip, and there were no signs of any struggle but there were footmarks, apparently those of the deceased, on the bank, where his umbrella was also lying.—Rose Frimmer, the widow, stated that she last saw deceased about 5.30 p.m. on the evening of February 3rd, when he left his home taking his umbrella with him, remarking, "I will take it in case it rains. I am going to Botley." He was a sober man. He had not been queer in his head, nor so far as she knew, had he anything to trouble him. They were happy and comfortable at home, and deceased had plenty of work. He had not been medically attended for some time, and he had never used any threat against himself.—P.C. Davis, of Botley, stated that on Friday he found the body in the position described by the witness Beames the contents of the pockets were: 4d. in money, a pipe, and a knife. There was nothing to suggest a struggle or outside violence.—Dr. C. Pern stated that the appearance of the body was consistent with having been run over by a train.—Insp. Stannard stated that all inquiries had been made to ascertain if anyone in control of the trains noticed passing over a body, but no evidence could be obtained.—A verdict of "Found dead" was returned, there being no evidence to show whether death was accidental or suicidal, and jury expressed sympathy with the widow, and the jury also kindly handed their fees to her.

The funeral of Mr. Frimmer took place on Saturday afternoon at Curdridge parish church. The Rev. F. W. Pierson (vicar) officiated. The mourners included Mrs. Frimmer (widow), Mr. Carpenter (sister-in-law), Mrs. J. Knight, and others. The funeral arrangements were carried out by Mr. F. Baldock.

YOUNG ARTILLERYMAN'S DEATH AT BORDEN.

The County Coroner held an inquest at the Military Hospital, Borden, on Wednesday, on the body of a young artilleryman named Louis Archibald Brown, who died suddenly on the eve of his 17th birthday on Monday evening. Mr. J. Baliffy was chosen foreman of the jury.—Gunner Robert Henry Dobson, R.F.A., identified the body as that of his cousin, who was a driver in the same corps, the 15th Brigade Ammunition Corps, R.F.A. Deceased had been complaining of a cold, but otherwise seemed quite well. On Monday afternoon he was taken ill on parade and fainted. He was at once taken by two men to his quarters. He was saw him again several times before he died at his quarters on Monday evening. He did not seem to be seriously ill, but at 7.30 p.m. Sergt. Hirst was sent for as he did not seem to get any better. Deceased had been over 12 years of age on the following day.—Sergt. Henry Hirst stated that he was on duty when deceased fainted, and he was at once sent home. He was called at 7.30 p.m. and gave deceased some Oxo, and he seemed to revive. Witness did not think he was so bad as he must have been. He had seen deceased at 9 o'clock and he did not seem to be seriously ill, but at 7.30 p.m. Sergt. Hirst was sent for as he did not seem to get any better. Deceased would have been 17