

SHOT THROUGH THE HEART.

Death of a Russian.

Mr. R. D. Neilson, J.P., conducted a magisterial inquiry this morning into the death of Harry Vaselevsky, aged 30, a Russian Pole, who was found shot at a house in Stanley street, on 9th October.

Senior-sergeant Jennings examined the witnesses.

George Kelemnuk, keeper of the Moscow boarding-house, Stanley street, stated that the deceased came to stay at his house on 30th September, and occupied a room with a countryman named Bolestar Zbico s i. He was in delicate health. On 5th October witness saw Vaselevsky and Zbico s i talking together in the sitting-room opposite their bedroom. At about 11.30 a.m. Zbico s i inquired as to the time dinner would be ready, and on being told left the house. The deceased went to his bedroom. Later, when preparing the dinner, witness heard a report, which he thought was caused through a soft drink bottle bursting. He went into the shop, and when there heard another report from the direction of Vaselevsky's bedroom. He immediately investigated as to the cause of the noise, and entered Vaselevsky's room. He saw the deceased, who was partly dressed, lying on the bed groaning. An automatic pistol was near his right hand. Witness had the ambulance and police called, but before they arrived, the man had died. The police, on arrival, took charge of the body.

Bolestav Zbicovsai, who occupied the same room as the deceased, said that Vaselevsky often told him he was very sick. When he left the house on the morning of 9th October, the deceased said he would go and have a lie on the bed.

Witness learnt that Vaselevsky had shot himself when he returned. Deceased had never threatened to take his life.

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Constable P. Lewis said he took possession of a pistol and two empty shells, which he found near the body. The pistol contained two live shells. Vaselevsky had two bullet wounds in the left breast. On a chair at the foot of the bed witness found a note in Russian. The translation of the note is "Report, your honour: I report that no accident happened last night." Witness searched the body, and found 9s. 5d. in coins, and a memo. disposing of his property. He took possession of Vaselevsky's property, which consisted of a portmanteau, clothing, some papers, and £10 in notes. The papers showed that the deceased was born at Kovno, 30 years ago, and had been in Queensland two years. A copy of the doctor's certificate showed death to have been due to a bullet wound through the heart and left lung, hemorrhage and shock.

The inquiry was closed.

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