

FOUND ON THE WALK

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THOMAS MCEVOY'S SKULL FRACTURED. AT THE DELEVAN HOUSE HE IS ATTENDING THE FORESTERS' CONVENTION STILL UNCONSCIOUS AT ST. JOSEPH'S GRAND CHIEF RANGER MCCURTON HIS BROTHER-IN-LAW – WATCH IS MISSING – POLICE AT WORK ON MYSTERIOUS CASE – WAS HE THROWN OR DID HE FALL FROM WINDOW

Thomas McEvoy, a delegate from Court Joppenburgh, No. 288, Rosendale, Ulster county, Forester of America, to the Grand lodge session now being held in this city, was fatally injured about 5 o'clock this morning either by being thrown out or falling from the window of room No. 11 on the third floor of the Delevan House, 321 West Fayette street. There are many suspicious facts surrounding the case and the police are trying to arrive at a solution; but whether they will be able to show that it is a case of homicide or somnambulism, as is advanced by some, remains to be seen. A peculiar and at the same time an important feature is the fact that his watch is missing, but there was found in his pockets about \$28 or \$30 in money, most of it being in bills.

Delegate McEvoy arrived in Syracuse yesterday morning and went to the Onondaga House, where he registered. He was not assigned a room. When he went to Turn hall about the first man he met was his brother-in-law, Grand Chief Ranger, James J. McCarton of New York. Mr. McCarton asked where he was staying and upon being informed that he expected to get a room at the Onondaga House, he said to him, "Have your things sent up to my room at the Globe hotel and we will room together."

Last night Mr. McEvoy attended the social session given by Court LeMoyne and Mr. McCarton spoke to him a number of times during the evening, but about 11 o'clock he missed him. That was the last he saw or heard of him until this morning when he was informed of the accident. Where McEvoy was between that time and 3 o'clock, when it is said that he entered the Delevan House, Mr. McCarton does not know. The only thing he is certain of is that McEvoy's watch is missing and that some money was found in his pockets.

AT THE DELEVAN HOUSE

So far as has been learned, McEvoy, when he went to the Delevan House, entered through the side entrance and went upstairs, not stopping at the bar. He was sober, according to the statement made by James Hayes, the proprietor of the hotel, although evidently had drank some beer. He

asked Mr. Hayes for a room and was assigned to room No. 11 on the third floor, fronting on West Fayette street. This was at 3 o'clock. He paid for the room and then ordered a couple of glasses of beer, one for himself and the other for the proprietor.

Hayes says that two hours later he was awakened and told that a man had fallen out of the window and was lying unconscious on the sidewalk. He found that it was McEvoy. He claims that he immediately called the ambulance and took the best care possible of the man, although this statement is denied by others who say they were present. The only garments that McEvoy had on were his underclothes. He was taken to St. Joseph's hospital, where it was found that his skull was fractured and that the possibilities of recovering were far removed.

The sisters at the hospital upon learning where he came from, sent for his clothes; but they were refused by Mr. Hayes until he received an order for them. This was furnished by Mr. McCarton. The police were also notified.

The attending physician said that there was only one chance for Mr. McEvoy to recover and that was to perform an operation, but he refused to do so until authorized by some relative of the injured man. Mr. McCarton gave the necessary permission. He also notified a brother-in-law of Mr. McEvoy's at Rosendale of the affair and received a dispatch saying that he would be here to-night.

A farmer who is known as "Sid," and XXX near Liverpool, claims to have been a witness to the accident, according to the statement made by Mr. Hayes. He says that he was standing in front of the New York Central station and saw McEvoy hanging from the window. He dropped to the sidewalk and "Sid" claims to have run across the street to see what happened. He notified the bartender, who, as soon as he had looked at McEvoy, called Hayes.

MCMULLIN'S STATEMENT

Patrick McMullin, a tailor, who helped put McEvoy in the ambulance, said this morning: "I was going down Fayette street about 3 o'clock when a newsboy told me that a man was hurt at Hayes's. I found the man lying on his side on the walk, his head covered with blood, his coat and vest off. Hayes and a young man who works for him and another man on crutches were standing nearby. Up in the window were three women looking out. There were no men up there so far as I could see. I asked Hayes for a blanket. "I haven't got any blanket," Hayes said, but he brought a comforter a little later and wrapped the man up in it. I asked Hayes how it happened.

"I don't know anything about it," he said.

"You don't get any information more," said the man who was with him.

"The ambulance came up and a XXXX man who was going to the train helped me put him into it. Hayes didn't seem much interested."

The Delevan house is one of the most notorious places in the city and is much frequented by men and women of low repute. When a Herald reporter was there this morning three women were walking from the barroom to a room in the rear. They were intoxicated and in the company of men. A person known to the women entered the barroom and they at once forced him to buy a drink. Hayes has a police record and he has given his age within the last four years from 27 to 38 years. On August 14th, 1897, he was convicted of assault in the third degree on two charges and fined \$25 for each; on November 26th of the same year he was convicted of fighting in his saloon and fined \$5; on April 12th 1898, he was charged with being a common gambler in connection with a charge that he had robbed a man that played cards with him and he was held for the Grand jury; on December 26th of the same year he was charged with keeping a disorderly house and allowing women to frequent it, and he was acquitted by a jury; on January 20th of this year he was convicted of breach of the peace and given a suspended sentence.