CORONER'S JURY ORDERS DOCTOR HELD FOR TRIAL

Charge Woman Died Following a Criminal Operation—Husband Recommended Held as Accessory.

Dr. J. T. Mathews, with offices at 412 Brown block, was recommended to be held to the district court by a coroner's jury at an inquest held yesterday morning over the body of Mrs. Emma McAdams, 2407 Emmet street, in the Hoffman funeral home. The jury also recommended that T. C. McAdams, husband of the deceased woman, be held as an accessory.

According to the verdict of the coroner's jury, Mrs. McAdams died December 6 of septicemia following a criminal operation.

The jury's verdict was as follows:

Verdict of Jury.

"We find that the deceased came to her death on December 6, 1919, from septicemia, caused from a criminal operation performed by Dr. J. T. Mathews. We recommend that Dr. Mathews be held to the district court, together with T. C. McAdams, as an accessory to the crime."

Dr. Mathews after hearing the verdict said: "I deny any criminal action in the matter. I simply did what I could for a woman who was sick and they blamed her death on me. I am absolutely blameless."

Dr. H. M. McClanahan testified that Mrs. McAdams asked him to perform a criminal operation but that he refused and tried to persuade Mrs. McAdams not to have an operation performed.

Found Woman Ill.

A few days later, he said, he was called to the McAdams home where he found Mrs. McAdams very ill and ordered her removed to the hospital.

Dr. A. P. Congdon testified that Mr. McAdams told him that Dr. Mathews had performed an operation on his wife.

Both Dr. Mathews and Mr. McAdams were present at the inquest with their attorneys. Neither of them offered any testimony.

Paul Steinwender and Henry Beal of the county attorney's office represented the county at the inquest and stated that complaints will be filed today against Dr. Mathews and Mr. McAdams.

DENIES WOMEN IN NUDE STAND BEFORE WINDOWS

Hospital Owner Answers Suit of Residents Who Make Complaint.

Women patients in the Birchmont hospital, Thirty-fourth and Farnam streets, do not stand nude in front of the windows of the hospital, declares Robert McClelland, owner of the institution, in an answer filed in district court yesterday to the petition of Frank T. Ransom and his wife, Anna Ransom, who ask that the hospital be prohibited by injunction from receiving any insane patients.

Mr. Ransom, an attorney, lives at 120 South Thirty-fourth street, about a block from the hospital. He alleged that women whose minds were deranged had appeared at the windows of the hospital without any clothing; that once a woman who had been tied to a bed in the hospital escaped in a nude condition and ran to the house of one of the neighbors, and that on one occasion at least attendants had a scuffle with a nude patient on the lawn and that on another occasion a woman patient escaped and was recaptured after four hours' pursuit.

Mr. McClelland admits that women have escaped from the hospital but that they were in their night attire and not nude and he declares the scuffle on the lawn was with a young man and that he was clad in a bath robe.

Mr. Ransom also complained that "people are constantly dying in the hospital" and that the calling of hearses there is unpleasant for this fine residence neighborhood. Mr. McClelland says that not more than three or four patients die at the hospital in a year.

He points out that nearly all the other hospitals in the city are also in good residential sections and declares that it is the practice of the Birchmont not to receive any insane patients knowingly. He asks that the injunction proceedings instituted by Mr. Ransom and his wife be dismissed.

Clemenceau to Meet Loyd George.

Paris, Dec. 9.—(Havas.)—Premier Clemenceau will go to London tomorrow night to confer with Premier Lloyd George on "serious questions of the present hour," according to several newspapers.

The Bee's Free Shoe Fund

Six-year-old Edwin Brodkey is sick in bed. But he couldn't help thinking of the little boys and girls who haven't any shoes these bitter days.

He sent his older brother to The Bee office wth 51 cents to add to the fund. He earned the 51 cents himself and saved it up.

Many others are responding to the call to provide shoes for the waifs of the very poor these bitter cold days.

Previously acknowledged	$539.49
Mrs. Ed. Lang	1.00
Axel Frederickson, Wakefield, Neb.	2.00
Edwin Brodkey	.51
Mrs. A. White, Arlington, Neb.	2.00
Richard and Leonard Appleby, Arlington, Neb.	1.00
Total	$546.00

Send or bring your "mite" or more to The Bee Shoe Fund, care of The Bee, Omaha, Neb.

FIREMEN BATTLE STUBBORN BLAZE IN INTENSE COLD

One Injured and Several Have Narrow Escape—Loss $40,000.

Fire of unknown origin gutted the D and M clothing store, 1312 Farnam street, early yesterday morning, causing $40,000 damage, according to Max Krounse, head of the firm.

Michael Quinlan, junior captain of hook and ladder company No. 1, Eleventh and Jackson streets, was injured by falling timber, while fighting the flames.

For two hours after the fire started in the rear of the store, the whole business block was endangered. Firemen were handicapped by the intense cold and swirling snow. Flames were visible over the entire downtown district of the city.

It was not until after 5 o'clock that the flames were confined to shelves in the center of the store, thus preventing a spread of the fire to adjoining office and store buildings.

The ceiling of the rear end of the store fell. Several firemen narrowly escaped when the fall occurred. They were playing streams of water on the burning shelves from the center of the store and jumped back as two pillars gave way. The cavein of the ceiling smothered leaping flames.

Quinlan was struck by falling timber while directing his men. He remained on duty until the fire was under control and then was taken to his fire station, where a police surgeon dressed his injury.

Yesterday morning's fire was the first fierce fight against flames Omaha firemen have experienced this winter.

The Serbian government will build a canal from the Danube to Salonica, 373 miles long and requiring 65 locks.