

THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

Damaging Testimony Against Mrs. Briggs Brought Out in Infanticide Case.

The inquest on the body of the infant found on the city hall dump was continued by Coroner McEwen last evening, and rather damaging evidence was brought out against Mrs. Briggs, the woman now in jail, charged with having caused the child's death. It was established quite conclusively that the unfortunate woman had lately given birth to a child, but as yet there is no evidence to show whether it died by violence or from exposure and neglect.

The witnesses who testified last evening were Dr. Bridges, Mrs. Fred Trombly, Mrs. W. Tom Murchie, Miss Nellie Briggs, daughter of the accused, Mrs. Palmer and Master Thomas Briggs, son of the accused.

DR. J. W. BRIDGES

who at the request of the Coroner made an examination of Mrs. Briggs at the county jail, testified in regard to the same. He visited the woman on Thursday and again on Friday and subjected her to a physical examination. In answer to Mr. Barry the witness stated that it was almost impossible to tell whether or not the woman had recently given birth to a child as in most cases the signs ceased to be distinguished after a lapse of thirteen days. Mrs. Briggs had denied to him that she had recently been delivered of a child. The conditions found by witness were such as to lead him to suspect that she had recently been pregnant.

Dr. Bridges supplemented his evidence of Wednesday evening by stating that a child might be born alive and give a gasp or two, and die before respiration could be established. A child might die in this way without neglect on the part of the mother.

MRS. FRED TROMBLY

who was next called and sworn, said she resided on Saunders street. Was acquainted with Mrs. Susan Briggs, who had worked for witness off and on during the past summer. She last worked at witness' on September 26th; expected her back on the following Monday, but she did not come. Mrs. Briggs had never said anything to witness in regard to her condition, but from her appearance, she was likely to become a mother. Had noticed since last June that Mrs. Briggs grew stouter from time to time. Saw Mrs. Briggs at her home a week ago Thursday, but did not notice any change in her appearance. She then said that she was feeling unwell, but expected to be able to resume her work for witness the following week.

MRS. W. TOM MURCHIE

was next examined. She said she resided on Charlotte street. Was acquainted with Mrs. Susan Briggs; she worked for witness twice during the past month, the last time being on Monday last. Mrs. Briggs figure was awkward and ungainly, and at times witness suspected that there was something wrong with her, but was not sure. Witness could not see much difference in her shape at any time. On the 11th inst, witness asked Mrs. Briggs if she had been sick and her reply was that she had been suffering from a pain in her back.

MRS. JULIA PALMER,

a lady of French extraction, who was next called, and sworn, took occasion to explain to the jury that she could not understand English very well and did not want to make fun of her. Mr. Barry assured her that nothing of the kind would be permitted. The witness said she was from Annapolis, Minn., and had resided here since last March. She volunteered the further information that she was present to tell the truth. She resided in Mrs. Lipsett's house on York street. She was acquainted with Mrs. Briggs, but had no truck with her, although they generally spoke when passing. Mrs. Briggs looked very stout, but witness did not know what the trouble was; sometimes she thought she was in the family way, and sometimes she thought she was going to blow up. On one occasion witness had been told by Mrs. Briggs' little boy that his mother was sick. Witness then went into see Mrs. Briggs and found her lying on the lounge. She said she had a bad cold and pain in her back. Witness gave her some ginger tea, and bread and butter. The next day witness saw Mrs. Briggs coming down the stairs; there was then quite a difference in her appearance. Witness could not say that Mrs. Briggs had given birth to a child. Two or three days later she remarked to Mrs. Briggs in regard to her appearance and she replied that it was due to the change of life. Witness did not see a doctor with Mrs. Briggs at any time. Did not see any one take a bundle away from Mrs. Briggs' room.

BERTIE BRIGGS.

who was next called and sworn, said that she was a daughter of Mrs. Susan Briggs, and was fifteen years of age. At present she was employed at the Queen hotel. Was not at home when her mother moved. Did not know that all the carpets were taken to the Regent street house. Did not tell anybody that some of the carpets was missing. Was not sure that she would know her mother's carpets by night. Her eleven year old brother had told her recently that he had hauled something to the dump. The piece of carpet found around the body of the infant was shown the witness, but she was unable to identify it. She had, however, seen a carpet something like it in one of the rooms. On being further questioned she said that she had not been home much the last seven months, and did not remember what the carpet looked like. Her brother had told her that he had taken two pieces of carpet down to the dump. She could not swear that a carpet like the one shown was on her mother's floor.

YOUNG BRIGGS.

the eleven year old son of Mrs. Briggs, was next called to the stand. On being questioned by the coroner he said that he did not know right from wrong, but knew the truth from a lie. He was examined without being sworn. He said he resided with his mother on Charlotte street. He had taken a piece of carpet to the dump last Saturday night. It was a little darker than the piece of carpet shown in the court. His younger brother, Lee, helped him to take the carpet down to the dump. It was about half past six o'clock. The carpet was tied up with a piece of rope. They hauled it in a little blue cart. It made a bundle of about a foot in diameter. He saw his mother roll up the carpet in the shed. He saw the carpet before his mother rolled it up. His mother told him to take the carpet down and throw it on the dump. He threw the bundle at the end of the dump near Mr. Brewer's house. He did not think the bundle would weigh more than ten pounds. The carpet he threw away came from his mother's front room. He had not talked with his mother or sister about what he was to tell at the inquest.

Mrs. Palmer being recalled at her own request, said that on last Monday night she saw Mrs. Briggs leave the house with a paper pack in her hand. Witness did not know what was in the pack but it looked like a hat.

At this stage the coroner announced that the inquest would be resumed on Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock.



COAT AFTER THE MODIFIED EMPIRE DESIGN.

A charming model is somewhat after the modish empire lines. To the yoke over the shoulders the coat is shirred, a panel effect being attained both back and front. That in the back shows a double box pleat, while the front follows a plastron line. The

bas among her costumes a white alpaca balero and skirt, the material of which was purchased at Bradford, the coat being trimmed with narrow gold and cream fancy braid. As in the case of several of the others, it is provided with a couple of skirts, one being of short walking length, and the other fairly long.

Another alpaca gown is a silver grey, trimmed with broad military braid, arranged in a kind of scalloping design, with insertions of white cloth, outlined with narrow braid and buttons, and finished with a simulated waistcoat closely braided, the two skirts being trimmed to correspond.

White serge forms the material for a pretty cool-looking suit, made with a waistcoat and little turned down, collar of white silk and velvet, embroidered in flax thread, the skirt striking a note of originality in the box-pleated front panel, which is ornamented down one side with a

ROW OF EMBROIDERED SILK BUTTONS.

For shooting the Princess of Wales has a neat brown tweed coat and skirt, with a shaded velvet collar and a trimming of fancy braid and cloth while for tiger-shooting in particular her Royal Highness' costume is of greenish brown tweed specially made for the occasion, the color being chosen for its similarity to jungle surroundings. It is lined with shot green, and brown silk, and is supplemented with buttons of green amber.

A blue serge suit has likewise been included in the outfit, as well as a couple of useful wraps, a dark gray ulster lined with mink, and a grey cashmere inervness cape with sable lining.

Some elaborate evening gowns have been prepared by Mme. Frederic of Lower Grosvenor place, for the Princess, and very original effects have been obtained by the use of such out-of-the-way materials as white jet and lace, cleverly dyed to match the color of the gown. Iridescent and opal embroidery, which throws out a thousand shafts of light with every movement of its wearer, composes a superb toilet de bal.

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One of the richest toilettes is a

original model is in a pretty shade of red, with handsome black braids and fancy buttons. Shirrings across the bust regulate the fullness, these disappearing under the plastron panels, and the neck is cut down in a deep V line. The sleeve is shirred to the armhole, full at the top, and gathered below the elbow into a deep braided cuff.

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At Balmoral Castle a few days ago the King invested the Prince with the insignia of a Knight Grand Cross of the two orders. The Marquis of Linlithgow and Sir Dighton Probyn were in attendance on His Majesty, and Sir Arthur Bigge and Sir Walter Lawrence were in attendance on the Prince. The Earl of Minto was also present.

Many tailor-made gowns have been included in the outfit ordered by the Princess of Wales for her tour in India, and particular interest attaches to them, owing to the fact that Her Royal Highness has chosen British made materials for them.

One of the most attractive of the costumes entrusted to Mr. Albert Phillips, of Sloane street, is a fawn and white checked cashmere, with a suggestion of red in its composition, made with a bolero bodice, faced with white linen, embroidered in two shades of brown, and outlined with a scalloped strap of fawn silk, a supplementary feature being provided in the shape of tiny silk buttons.

A smart, tight-fitting white serge coat, trimmed with broad white braid, boasts a collar of coarse

white canvas embroidered with gold thread, while a grey tweed, with a faint red stripe, is fashioned with a wide collar of cloth, adorned with red spots.

Alpaca and cashmere have, as a matter of fact, been especially favored by Her Royal Highness, who

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