

Conrad E. Tyrrell (- 3 Sep 1911)

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Tyrrell Inquest Tomorrow

The inquest that is to be held to fix the responsibility for the death of Conrad E. Tyrrell, boilermaker, who was fatally injured Saturday afternoon when an explosion occurred in the McKinley Manual Training School where he was employed, has been postponed until tomorrow. It will be held at the morgue at 11:30 o'clock. Funeral services over the remains will be conducted tomorrow. The interment will be in Congressional cemetery.

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Young Tyrrell's Death Charged To Accident

Verdict Rendered by the Coroner's Jury, Following Investigation of Gas Explosion

Conrad Tyrrell, the young machinist who sustained serious injuries in a gas explosion at the McKinley Manual Training High School Saturday evening while installing the smokebox above a boiler, from which he died later, came to his death by an accident, according to the finding of a coroner's jury sitting at the morgue at noon today. The jury did not attempt to fix responsibility.

Assistant Corporation Counsel Smith represented the District at the hearing and James S. Easby-Smith and other attorneys represented the various firms employed in the work at the school.

Attempt to Locate Leak

William A. German, assistant to the District building inspector, testified that since Friday at noon he had been attempting to find where the gas was escaping. He had gone to many parts of the building, he said, but had been unable to detect just where the leak was located.

Once when he approached the boiler on which Tyrrell was standing while working on the smoke box, witness declares he warned the machinist that he should not strike a match anywhere near one of the gas pipes, as an explosion might occur. He was still on the search for the leak when the explosion occurred that resulted in Tyrrell's injuries.

Mr. German was assisted in his search by Highland Maddox, janitor of the school. Questioned by Mr. Smith, Maddox said he did not believe the leak had been discovered.

Tyrrell Asks for Match

Working with Tyrrell at the time of the explosion was William Moore, colored, who declared that Tyrrell first asked him for a match, but that instead he found him a piece of paper which Tyrrell evidently lighted from a lantern which he had near him. Witness, with other laborers helped Tyrrell from the boiler top after the explosion.

Tyrrell died from a blood clot on the brain formed by the rupture of a small artery and caused by a fracture of the skull on the right side of his head above the ear, according to a statement by Dr. Charles S. White, deputy coroner, who conducted a post-mortem examination in the case.