

ROW OVER MEAL ENDS IN MURDER

**Row in Hotel at McHenry Ended
in Tragedy—Hotel Man
Did Shooting.**

John McLaughlin, who was employed in an elevator at McHenry, was shot and killed by Frank Shroufe, proprietor of the U. C. T. hotel Saturday night, the murder being enacted in the office of the hostelry. Shroufe surrendered himself to the authorities.

The bullet took effect in McLaughlin's head, and death was almost instantaneous.

According to information in the possession of the authorities, McLaughlin and Shroufe quarrelled over the payment for a meal for himself and three children, and the shooting resulted. McLaughlin and his wife are said to have separated about two months ago. It is reported that there had been bad blood between the two for some time.

Shroufe, who was held responsible by the coroner's jury for the murder of McLaughlin, will make self defense his plea for freedom. He was taken to Carrington Monday and lodged in the county jail being in the custody of Sheriff Atkins.

Shroufe told the coroner's jury that McLaughlin entered his hotel about 7:30 o'clock Saturday evening and ordered a meal for himself and children but did not eat. Instead he was abusive and appeared to have been drinking. Shroufe says he spoke to McLaughlin, thinking that perhaps he could stop him, but instead the latter became more abusive. A quarrel followed, in which, Shroufe says, he struck McLaughlin several times with a rubber hose.

McLaughlin kept advancing, Shroufe said, and it was at this time he reached for his gun, firing the fatal shot. The bullet entered McLaughlin's head directly through the eye, and was found in the back of the brain. Shroufe claims he was thoroughly frightened at the time.

It is stated that McLaughlin and Shroufe had had trouble over the fact that McLaughlin's wife had worked at Shroufe's hotel. Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin had not been living together for about two months, and a few hours before the murder Mrs. McLaughlin had gone to Jamestown. The dead man leaves three children. Shroufe is married, but has no children.