

Man's death not front-page news material

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an "equalizer" for the fight in his holster.

According to the *Progress*, "Sutherland reached for his pistol and fired at James' breast — the ball striking a rib and glancing around to his back. He next placed the pistol against James' left temple, fired, and the blood and brains flew into Sutherland's face, as the body rolled off. James died without uttering a word."

Apparently, the newspaper didn't have a police beat reporter, and to readers today, the account sounds a little folksy and vague. It concluded, "This is the story as well as we could gather it — the hurry to get out of the room (Squire Cox's office) was so great that but few remained to see the killing."