

Cause of death questioned in the case of the decapitated man

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who was on his way in good shape."

Furthermore, according to the Ensley reporter, "Though he may have had delirium tremens, they can not imagine that he could have become so desperate as to commit so horrible a suicide." After the shock wore off, Robertson's relatives had second thoughts about the coroner's opinion.

By April 3, the Bloomington *Evening*

World's editor was satisfied that the case was closed. Not so the *Telephone*. Its readers were informed of the details of the coroner's reasoning in his ruling, including blood clots on the rails.

On April 9 the *Telephone* reported that the coroner had received a telegram from the Ensley police chief, asking for complete details of the death. At the same time the Robertson family — one that said newspaper received a wire from the

they were not satisfied with the coroner's ruling. Said the *Telephone*, "After the body arrived at Ensley it was carefully examined by the police, and they feel that some-

thing is wrong, unless the circumstances in Bloomington prove self-death. The family is poor and without means, and could give no assistance to further inquiry."

A little postscript: When Robertson's body arrived in Ensley, his meerschau's pipe was missing. Apparently it had been taken by a Bloomington souvenir hunter.

Police beat

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• Roger L. Kirk, 51, 303 Pete Ellis Drive, arrested by Indiana State Police on a charge of driving while intoxicated; booked into jail at 4:15

State Police on charges of driving while intoxicated and reckless driving; booked into jail at 12:01 a.m. Saturday; released without bond.

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• Alice K. Fowles, no permanent address, arrested by Monroe County sheriff's police on charges of forgery and theft.