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DEATH FOLLOWS MISHAP AT WORK

"It is a very tragic thing that a promising young man should meet his death in this way," said the Gloucester City Coroner Mr. G. Trevor Wellington) at an inquest held at the Gloucestershire Royal Infirmary yesterday on Ralph Schollar, a married man, of 23, Henry-road, Gloucester, who died on Friday after 10 weeks' illness following an accident at the works of Messrs. Fielding and Platt Ltd.

After hearing the evidence, the jury returned a verdict of accidental death.

Foot Slipped

Frederick Thomas Schollar, of 50, Painswick-road, Gloucester, and engineer's foreman at Fielding and Platt's, and the father of the dead man, stated in evidence that his son was 23 years of age. His son told him that while filing a piece of metal his right foot slipped and caused him to overbalance. His sleeve caught in the work he was engaged upon. He broke loose, but his arm was then broken.

Harley John Workman, an iron turner, of 12, Bell-lane, Gloucester, said Schollar was working about six yards from him. He heard him call and went to him. Schollar was standing in front of his machine, bleeding from the mouth. He said: "My arm is broken."

Machine in Perfect Order.

Workman said that he and another man helped Schollar walk to the ambulance room. The ambulance superintendent had been summoned. Workman said he went back and saw the machine. It was stopped, and half of the overall jacket was wound tightly round the work Schollar had been filing. The machine was in perfect order.

In answer to questions by the Hon. Miriam Pease, Workman said there were some gears at the other end of the machine which were guarded. The starting and stopping appliance was in order, and the floor was concrete, neither smooth nor rough, regular and

Medical Evidence.

Medical evidence was given by Dr. David B. Purves, resident surgical officer at the Royal Infirmary, who said Schollar was admitted at about 4 p.m. on October 10. He was suffering from shock, a compound fracture of the left arm, and a dislocation of the head of the upper arm. Shortly after admission, an operation was performed, and the fracture was set. His local condition was satisfactory for a time, until local septic infection of the wound set in. This was followed by general blood poisoning. After a slight improvement, there were symptoms of hemorrhage which became continuous, and his condition became worse. He died at 8 p.m. on December 20th. The cause of death was general blood poisoning arising from the fracture.

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