

**MYSTERY IN
SHOOTING OF
F. L. BICKFORD**

Former Manager of W. K.
Stewart Company Dies
From Revolver Shot.

CORONER BEGINS SIFT

In an effort to determine if the death of Frank L. Bickford, 47, was suicidal or accidental, Dr. Paul F. Robinson, coroner, today started a probe into the shooting mystery which occurred late yesterday at the Bickford residence, 5545 East Michigan street.

A high-powered revolver in a Boston hand bag from which one bullet had been fired is the weapon which caused the death of Bickford, the bullet passing through the side of the hand bag and striking him. It went through his heart and lodged near the spine, according to Dr. George Christian, deputy coroner. Bickford was until recently manager of the W. K. Stewart Company book store.

**THREE NEAR HEAR
MUFFLER REPORT.**

At the Bickford home at the time of the shooting were Mrs. Bickford, her son, Frank, Bickford Jr., 21, Everett Avenue, 29th and Hubbard, a department head at the Stewart store. These three were in the living room when Mr. Bickford spoke about having a revolver in the Boston bag in the closet, which weapon belonged to the Stewart store.

He walked to the closet in the reception hall, joining the living room. An instant later there was a muffled report. Those in the living room looked through the opening into the reception hall and saw Bickford lying on the floor. He fell on his right side and the bag was about three or four feet distant.

Dr. W. F. Kelly, 6003 West Washington, who was summoned by Mrs. Bickford, said when the physician arrived Bickford was dead. Dr. Kelly notified the coroner and police. The call was received by the police at 4:40 p. m. and Sergeant Dester and two detectives went to the Bickford home to investigate.

**BODY OF VICTIM
POWDER BURNED.**

There were four loaded shells and one empty shell in the weapon, in the bag besides the revolver were a handkerchief and some scraps of wrapping paper. The bullet had passed through the side of the bag and the side of the bag was powder burned. The wound according to Dr. Christian who examined Bickford's body was also powder burned. The body was removed to Shirley brothers' funeral parlors. No autopsy was held.

While those in the adjoining room heard the muffled report they did not attempt to draw their hands to the noise until the boy called attention to the fact his father was lying on the floor. Sergeant Dester, who examined the revolver, said an empty cartridge should have remained under the hammer, but instead an empty chamber was under the hammer. The discharged cartridge was at the left of the hammer. Persons in the house denied handling the pistol.

**RECALLS REVOLVER
IN TRAVELING BAG.**

Bickford left the Stewart company position several days ago, and Mr. Agnew went to Bickford's home at 3:20 o'clock yesterday to discuss some business matters. As he was about to leave Mrs. Bickford and her son came into the living room and the two were talking when Mr. Bickford said, "By the way, I have a gun which belongs to the store. You might as well take it back with you."

It was then that Bickford walked to the closet to get the weapon.

**Deaf Hod Carrier
Fatally Injured**

COLUMBUS, Ind., March 31.—William Bishop, 70, hod carrier, was probably fatally hurt here today when he was struck by a southbound Pennsylvania train. He was deaf and did not hear the approach of the train.

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\$10 Girls' Spring Coats.....	\$7.98	\$15.00 Girls' Ging. Dresses.....	95c
\$8 Misses' Spring Coats.....	\$5.98	\$25 Wom. Spring Coats.....	\$10.95
\$15 Wom. Spring Coats.....	\$9.98	\$15 Wom. Silk Dresses.....	\$9.98
\$18 Wom. Spring Coats.....	\$13.98	\$20 Wom. Silk Dresses.....	\$14.95
\$20 Wom. Spring Coats.....	\$16.95	\$25 Wom. Silk Dresses.....	\$19.85
\$20 Wom. Gauze Unions.....	39c	\$1 Men's Work Shirts.....	48c
\$1 Sample Voile Waists.....	50c	\$15 Men's Heavy Overalls.....	98c
\$20 Wom. Lisle Hose.....	39c	\$20 Men's Work Gloves.....	10c
\$1 Wom. Contil Corsets.....	69c	\$1 Men's Ribbed Unions.....	79c
\$1 Bungalow Aprons.....	69c	\$1 Boys' Knee Pants.....	69c
\$4.50 New Silk Waists.....	\$2.95	\$1 Boys' 2-Pants Suits.....	\$4.98
\$5.00 Girls' Sateen Bloomers.....	35c	\$1 Boys' Coverall Suits.....	79c
\$1.50 Auto Brand W. Shirts.....	98c	\$1.50 Girls' Ging. Dresses.....	79c
\$2 Auto Brand Overalls.....	\$1.30	\$1.50 Girls' Sample Hats.....	98c
75c Men's Summer Unions.....	59c	\$2 Ging. House Dresses.....	\$1.48

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