

DAWSON'S FUNERAL

EVIDENCE AT THE CORONER'S INQUEST.

M'DOW WATCHES HIS VICTIM DIE

The Slayer Tells How He Killed Dawson And Tried to Bury Him—
McDow will be Held for Murder.

Special Telegram to The Evening Journal.

CHARLESTON, S. C. March 14.—Captain F. W. Dawson was buried yesterday afternoon. The funeral service was held in the cathedral chapel, as he was a Roman catholic.

Bishop Northrop, of this diocese, assisted by Bishop John Moore, of St. Augustine, Florida, conducted the services. The Roman catholic clergy and religious societies of this city and an enormous crowd of spectators thronged the chapel and accompanied the funeral procession. In his eulogy upon the dead man, Bishop Northrop said that he knew him well. "Lying therein in the presence of his murderer, and almost within sight of his wife and children, I believe that his last moments were devoted to making his peace with God."

THE FUNERAL IN THE RAIN.

The storm, which had begun here on the evening Captain Dawson was killed, continued with violence yesterday, and poured upon the vast throng of people who pressed around the chapel and the funeral procession. The downpour did not, apparently, lessen the crowd. Capt. Dawson's sudden and horrible fate, had drawn sympathy from his bitterest enemies, and all, friends and enemies, whose ill-will had stopped at the brink of the grave, went with a general charity and sorrow to pay the dead man his last earthly honor.

Over the post-office the government's flag, the stars and stripes he fought so valiantly against, drooped around its staff at half-mast. Everywhere a gloom and sorrow that was unmistakable in their genuineness, were visible, for everyone admired Capt. Dawson's brilliancy of mind and his charming personality and only his higher and better qualities were discussed.

ANOTHER WOMAN BEHIND THE SCENE.

There seems to have been another woman who acted a part in the tragedy.

Dr. McDow employed a housekeeper, with whom, it is said, he had intimate relations. Be this as it may, it is rumored here that this woman urged McDow to bury the body of Capt. Dawson, in order to conceal the killing. This lacks confirmation, as it would seem that McDow had no assistance in his attempt to bury the body, and that he took particular care to lock himself in from all interruption during the awful hour in which his victim was dying, and during his excited attempts to dig the grave.

This woman, it is also said, is the cause of the quarrels between Dr. and Mrs. McDow.

NEITHER HOUSEKEEPER NOR NURSE ARRESTED.

Up to this time neither the French woman, over whom the fatal difficulty was begun; nor McDow's housekeeper, who is suspected of knowing something about the killing, has been arrested.

Both are under surveillance and can be, and may be, taken in custody at any moment, and it is probable that they will be brought before the coroner's jury to-day and the housekeeper, at least, held as an important witness.

DID DAWSON ASSAULT M'DOW?

As the meagre evidence of the quarrel and killing comes to the surface there is a greater doubt as to whether Captain Dawson struck McDow or not.

McDow insists on his original statement, that Dawson knocked him down by a blow from his fist and afterwards struck him over the head with a cane. Against his statement, however, is placed the fact that Dr. McDow had no bruises on his person. It is not probable that the light, pushing blow described by McDow, and falling upon a man's chest, would leave a mark; nor is it likely that a blow from a cane upon a hat, even though it fell with force enough to stagger a man just rising from the floor, would leave a bruise on the head. However, McDow's statement of these incidents may have been colored to favor his side of the story.

ALIVE FOR AN HOUR.

The doctor also confesses that Captain Dawson lived an hour after he was shot, and that he remained in the office with him, not being able to decide what to do. He says a recent quarrel with his wife made him indifferent to consequences. This kept him from going out and summoning a physician or the police. After Dawson died his slayer came about to bury the dead body. He went to a corner grocery and bought a spade. Then, returning and securely locking his office, he knocked out several boards in the partition between the office and the yard. Finding it impossible to bury the body, or giving up his purpose to do so, he went back into his office, arranged it, apparently, straightened the limbs of the dead man, drove to the police station and surrendered himself.

On the floor near Captain Dawson, where it had fallen from his hand, was a light walking cane.

M'DOW STICKS TO HIS FIRST STATEMENT.

Nothing has been added by Dr. McDow to the statement I telegraphed THE JOURNAL yesterday. He continues to reiterate the statement he first made. He says that Captain Dawson came to his office, meeting him in the hall. As soon as he entered the office Captain Dawson charged him with using indecent language to the French nurse. This McDow denies whereupon Captain Dawson, in a violent tremulous with anger, forbade him speaking to the nurse again, and on McDow saying he would act as he chose, Captain Dawson threatened to publish him in the paper. The doctor declared that he would hold Dawson responsible, and Dawson struck him. Then followed a scuffle, and finally shooting. McDow, according to his statement, rushing to his desk as soon as he got up after Dawson knocked him down, getting his pistol, a .38-calibre Smith & Wesson, and firing hastily.

HE EMPLOYS COUNSEL.

When he resolved upon surrendering himself, he drove to the corner of Bull Rutledge streets, only a short distance from his office, told a policeman there he had killed Captain Dawson, took the policeman in his buggy, drove to Judge A. G. Magrath's office, and engaged his