

## THE FELTON EXPLOSION.

Inquest in the Case of Adrian Spear, of Camden, N. J.

Coroner Beale held an inquest yesterday on the body of Adrian Spear, of North Sixth street, who died from the effects of the explosion on the Samuel M. Felton on Monday last. County Physician Gross, who conducted the post mortem examination, testified that death was caused by inflammation of the stomach. He found a slight bruise on the back. All the organs were greatly inflamed. He had been ill with typhoid fever for eighteen months previously, having been but two weeks convalescent. The explosion shock caused a relapse, and reproduced inflammation which resulted in his death.

Dr. Willis Hunt, who attended the deceased during his illness of typhoid fever, stated he had entirely recovered from the fever when the explosion occurred.

Thomas B. Spear, son of the deceased, stated after his father's removal to his home he told the family he had been struck in the abdomen and back by a piece of timber when the explosion occurred. He was of the opinion that a beam had fallen upon him.

Rev. Marcus A. Brownson, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, of Camden, testified to being on the Felton at the time of the explosion, as did John Stevenson.

Officer Burk, of No. 9 Chancey lane, Philadelphia, testified to being on the wharf and saw Mr. Spear taken to the Pennsylvania Hospital. H. L. Hartsborne, of No. 533 Linden street, testified to the deceased being at his place of business on Chestnut street, Philadelphia, on the Monday of the accident, a few minutes before he boarded the ill-fated steambot. He seemed to be in good health. This ended the testimony and the jury rendered a verdict that Adrian Spear came to his death on Friday, August 21, 1885, from gastro-intestinal inflammation, induced by injuries received on the steambot Felton, at the time of the explosion on Monday, August 17, 1885, the cause of the explosion being unknown.

The deceased had an accident policy in the Hartford Accident Company for \$1000, which expired two hours after the accident. By the verdict the widow will get this sum. His funeral took place yesterday afternoon, which was largely attended, he being connected with twenty-three secret organizations.