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Ques. by Foreman - Was there any trace of a struggle
on the body of deceased or any marks of such

W. Macartney
cette Déclaration a été prise & reconnue
devant moi à Cassique vingt quatre
juillet, mil neuf cent quinze.

Joseph Lucas.
Dorans

having been
called by the
Coroner

J. Dr. Macartney after having been duly sworn
on the Holy Bible, do depose and say &
on Examination of the body of William Dwyer, found
externally. No sign of laceration or mark of any sort
with the exception of a small freshly made
perforated wound on the upper third of the left
thigh on the outer side, a wound five eighths of
an inch in length, the course of the wound was
downward and inward to a depth of six and
a quarter inches, on opening up the thigh and
following the course of the wound a large artery
was found severed, causing death by hemorrhage -
Question by a Member of the Jury -

Of the deceased would be in
possession of his faculties after being stabbed
and able to call out or move around.

Answer - yes -

Question by the Foreman of the Jury -

Is it possible for the wound
to have been committed from the road -

Answer -

Impossible - J. Dr. Macartney
deposes on oath that he is a
qualified physician and surgeon, and
will not cut or pierce.

Joseph J. J. J.
Coroner.

I August Lipsberg Able Seaman of the Schooner
Gulbi being duly sworn on the Holy Bible do the
depose and say
Que by the Foreman

Tell us to the best of ^{your} knowledge
what happened when ^{you} were on the wharf on the
Night of the 23rd

Ans. ~~Peter~~ Peter was calling Robert, name
and I told him not to answer him. The Cook
was fishing from the ship's head and heard Peter
~~about~~ the Cook and I went to bed before midnight
heard no noise - John Matchonatch came
on board the Gulbi about midnight it was dark
nothing was said - ~~We~~ not know when he came
on board, ~~he left at six in the morning~~ don't
know when he left - When I got up at six o'clock
on the morning Peter was in the bunk, he afterwards
got up and sat on the chest, there was work on
the chest -

Que by a member of the jury

Did John ask you or anybody to call
him in the morning -

Ans. he did not ask me but had a conversation
with the Cook

Ques. When you saw the knife was there any blood
on it -

Ans. the knife was lying in the grass, as can
not say - the Captain of the Gulbi picked up the
knife -

The witness declares having nothing more to
say and has signed August. Lipsberg.

calling

Deposition of
August Lipsberg

cells deposition à été prise & reconnue
devant moi à Caspi, ce vingt quatre
juillet, mil huit cent quatre vingt
sept.
Joseph Jussieu;
Lecours;

Deposition
Johni Metchnitsch

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(1)
I Jahnis Meakmatsch sailor on the Teemul
Henry been only sworn as the Holy Bible with
depose and say
Question by the foreman -

When you woke up in the morning
what was the first thing you did -

Answer - Dressed myself -

Question how is it that you thought of the cap
the first thing, and went to get it

Answer - As he passed by he picked it up

Question - Upon an oath that it was Peter you
saw fighting fighting -

Answer - Yes it was Peter and no other -

Question why did you go to get the cap

Answer - it was my cap and I did not want
to loose it. I had lent it to Peter -

Question - the last you saw of Peter and Jahnis
were they laying down or standing up fighting

Answer - they were standing up fighting -

Question - did you see them fight and fall

Answer -

Answer - The second mate ^{sat down} fell first and
Peter fell afterwards - I heard the deceased
say O Peter what a man you are then sit
down -

Question - When you saw the deceased ^{sit} fall
did you go to him -

Answer

Answer - I saw him sitting down and passed
on -

Question - was he in the same position there
as when we found him -

Answer, when he left the bottle was near the deceased -

Question Are you sure that deceased said nothing
Answer No he was snoring - said nothing.
I did not speak to him -

Question When did you feel his heart -

Answer When he commenced snoring, cannot say why and laying him back -

Question Where was deceased's hands -

Answer Across his body

Question - Could ^{you} not awake him, ~~to speak~~

Answer No - so left and went to ship, it was not my opinion that the man was wounded -

Question - Did you tell any of the crew on board you heard when you went over -

Answer No - I went to bed

Question Did you get up in the night after you went to bed about ~~midnight~~ Midnight -

Answer - No I did not get out of the bunk but could not sleep -

Question There being no more questions to ask the witnesses - and he has signed -

Je l'ai signé.

Cette déposition a été prise & reconnue devant moi à Gaspé, ce vingt quatre juillet, mil neuf cent quinze.

Joseph Jaucas.
J. J. Jaucas.

Deposition
Jahnis Meschmatsch
Schmied Seemel^s

Handwritten text in German, likely a deposition or legal document, written in cursive script. The text is organized into several columns, with some lines indented. The handwriting is dense and characteristic of 19th-century German cursive. The document appears to be a deposition taken from a witness named Jahnis Meschmatsch, a blacksmith (Schmied) named Seemel.

I Jahnis Meschmatsch sailed on the Ship
"Geornel" being duly sworn on the Holy Bible
before and say -

I am acting as sailor on the ship
above named, I am twenty one years of age, ~~at~~
on the 25th day of July between the hour of seven
and eight P.M. I came across the Bay alone,
on the ferry boat. I know Peter Semnecks, one
sail on the same ship, - Peter Semnecks left the
ship to cross the bay about half an hour before me -
At about eight o'clock P.M. I met Peter Semnecks
outside of Baker's bar room, he and the deceased
were counting their money, both Peter Semnecks and
Julius Rublis called me and I followed them as
far as the Post Office there we walked to the Cemetery,
where ~~they~~ had some drinks, having a bottle of rum with us
^{after} where we were drinking together, at the time near
the Cemetery we came back and the three of us
~~went out on the grass where the body was found~~
called at the bar and ^{had} each a glass of beer and
we bought a bottle of gin and one of rum during
the time that I was Julius Rublis and Peter
Semnecks. it was on the spot where the body was
found - After having drunk all the liquor ^{we} they had
and Peter Semnecks being too drunk to walk I
left with Julius Rublis to see the ferryman in
order to take Peter Semnecks to his ship, the
ferryman was willing to do so.
~~If~~ We came right back from the ferry where
we left Peter the where the body was found
when

When we arrived at the spot —

Peter Semneek, was laying down.

The first man that spoke was to Julian Reblis to Peter Semneek's, but got no answer.

Peter Semneek, being drunk and knowing that he could not walk to the ferry. Me and Julian Reblis undertook to carry him to the Ferry Boat; ~~they~~^{we} found ~~they~~^{we} could not carry him so he dropped in the same place, but did not speak.

Then Peter Semneek wanted to fight me, and I did not wish to fight with him, but immediately on my leaving I saw the deceased Julian Reblis ~~just~~ engaged in a fight with Peter Semneek. I saw on knife in Peter Semneek's hand, I immediately left Julian Reblis and Peter Semneek and went onboard the "Gulbis" where I met Robert Nikent's sailor, and Robert Nikent's spoke to me and said, where is the second mate Julian Reblis, I answered that Julian Reblis and Peter Semneek are ashore, drunk.

It was after midnight when I got onboard the ship, after having left Julian Reblis and Peter Semneek ashore.

Just a few minutes before five o'clock this morning without being called by any one of the sailors of the vessel "Gulbis" I got up from the bunk where I had slept and I walked to the Ferry boat and crossed to my ship, on my way to the Ferry boat, at about one hundred yards from the ship "Gulbis"

I picked up a cap. The Cap Exhibited is not the one I picked up for the one I picked up is onboard the vessel "Seemul". I put it myself in Peter Semnecks bunk.

The Knife Exhibited does not belong to me, but I have bought ~~a~~ a knife in a shop in ~~the~~ ^{at Cape} ~~the~~ ^{the} ~~same~~ ^{same} much the same as the one Exhibited to me by the Coroner.

The second knife which has been exhibited to me in presence of the Coroner and the jury, is my own knife. Peter Semnecks and myself bought each one in the same shop ^{at Cape} and of the same quality.

When I left the ship last night, I left my knife onboard. I never carried a knife when ashore.

Question by a member of the jury

Why did you when you left the "Gribbi" this morning go back to the place where you had been drinking.

Answer.

Peter Semnecks was drunk and lost his cap and I went to find it.

Question.

Was Peter Semnecks onboard the "Gribbi" when you left this morning or did you know where he was.

Answer.

No, I did not know.

Question by Foreman -

Was the dead man in the room when you saw him as when he was found in the morning -

Answer - No he was not -
Question -

What happened in the morning ^{ans. he} remembered that the Cap had been lost and he went to get it, but am positive that I did not see the body. I then took the ferry and crossed to my ship

Question -

Do you possess any other knife than the one shown you last evening -

Answer - No I have no other knife -

Question

How did you know that Peter had dropped his cap -

Answer - When we were drinking I saw the cap fall -

Question

Did you ever get in trouble in Russia -

Answer -

No. This is the first time

Question

You did not think of the dead man in the morning -

Answer -

I thought he was on board the ship

Question -

Did he talk of this to any of the crew of the "Frobis" and no person told you what to say

Answer

No I am positive of that -

Question by Foreman & Jury.

After leaving when ^{Peter} they ~~just~~ wanted
to fight, did you return.

Answer - Yes.

Question.

in what position did you find
the dead man.

Answer - Standing he then let down and
threw himself back.

Question -

What were the exact words the
dead man used -

Answer -

O' Peter what a man you are
the witness is positive he used the word Peter

Question

Where was Peter then

Answer

he was laying on the ground
did not say anything -

Question -

did Peter have anything in his hands

Answer

No.

Question

Are you sure Peter then said nothing

Answer - sure he did not

Question -

did you notice any wounds on the
dead man -

Answer

No.

Question -

was Peter and John talking together
or quarrelling -

Ans. No.

Ques. When you heard the deceased say "O Peter
what a man you are" did you ask him what
he meant -

Ans. No I did not -

Ques. Did you think when deceased expressed
himself like that, that there was anything wrong

Ans. No I did not -

Ques. Did you hear any more than the
words "O Peter what a man you are" from deceased

Ans. No not a word -

Ques. At what hour did you hear these words
"O Peter what a man you are" from deceased

Ans. About midnight -

Ques. At about what time did you leave the
deceased and Peter -

Ans. About half past twelve ~~PM~~.

Ques. When you left both men were they standing
up

Ans. No -

Ques. Were both men laying down

Ans. Yes, both men were laying down -

Ques. When both men were laying down did you
touch them

Ans. Yes. I put my hand on the deceaseds

Ques. Breast and asked what the matter
with you - he was dying - and
apparently asleep and did not answer

Question by the Coroner -

When the dead man ^{said} O'Peter
What a Man you are, where you far from him
Answer

About thirty feet from the place where
they were fighting

Question

If it was in the same place where
the body was found yesterday morning that you
heard these words O'Peter what a Man you are
Answer

~~Close together~~ No - it was not

Question

How far were you standing from

Peter -

Ans.

Close together about two feet

Question

Were you between the two men. the
dead man and Peter

Ans.

He was not standing between them
I was about thirty feet away from them.

Question

At the distance mentioned could you
see the two men.

Ans.

yes I could see them
My eyes are in good condition -

Quest.

At the time you saw the two men
were they standing up

Ans.

yes they were both standing -

Ques. by Coroner -

Did you really think that deceased
was asleep -

Ans. Yes.

Ques. Was Peter asleep at the time

Ans. No -

Ques. Why did you not touch Peter

Ans. I do not know why I did not -

Ques. Could you see when you touched the deceased
if there was any blood on him

Ans. I saw no blood whatever.

Ques. Did you see any blood at the place
the men were lying at the time

Ans. No I saw none then - but in the
morning saw some when I returned from the ship

Ques. - When you reached your ship in the
morning did you notice any blood on your boots

Ans. No I did not -

Ques. ~~Were~~ ^{were} the ~~boots~~ ^{you} wearing the same
clothes the next morning as in the evening -

Ans. No. I was at work and had changed -

~~The witness declares that he has
no more to say and has signed~~

When I reached the
ship at five o'clock in the morning, I undressed
and went to bed and when called to go to work
put on other clothes

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has no more to say and has signed

J. J. Phelps M. A. P. S.

Deposition
Jahnis Maschomatoh

can deposition is the price & acquisition
don't know it's a fact. I will purchase
at present. This is the only thing I
Joseph J. Jones
Cousin

I Dr. E. Levine being duly sworn on the Holy Bible
to do depose and say -
Question by Foreman

Could the knife exhibited inflict
the inflict a wound such as found
on deceased.

Ans. I am of opinion that it could
not, the wound being deeper than the
length of the blade and after having heard
Dr. F. N. Macartney's Deposition I corroborate
the same in full

Witness having nothing more to say
has signed -

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