

found in the cerebro-spinal fluid was again demonstrated, but no growth took place on culture.

There were no evident signs of disease of either ear which might point to a cause of the meningitis.

From the findings in the cerebellum it may justifiably be concluded that the vertigo was due to the lesions in that area. The Bell's paralysis seems to have been due to an involvement of the seventh nerve on its exit between the olive and restiform bodies.

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Medico-Legal Notes.

REX *v.* FREDERICK JOSEPH STOCKWELL.

THIS case was tried at the Central Criminal Court, on July 21, before Mr. Justice Branson. The prisoner was a fireman, aged 31 years. He was accused of the murder of his wife, who was found dead in bed on the morning of June 21, near to her being a shovel with the stem bent. The prisoner was found in the kitchen, with an artery in his arm opened, and with a wound in his neck. He was removed to a hospital, and he there made the following statement: "I had a good skinful on the day previous. I went to bed with the wife at 11. I don't remember getting out of bed, but when I came to myself I was battering her head in. I was frantic, and said 'Here goes,' and cut my throat and opened an artery in my arm." The facts of the case were not disputed. Evidence was given that the prisoner had suffered several times from malaria, when on war service in Egypt.

Dr. W. R. K. Watson, medical officer of Brixton Prison, expressed the opinion that the prisoner was suffering from manic-depressive insanity. While under observation he had once got out of bed, and run round the ward, apparently in his sleep. Dr. Watson considered that, at the time of the act, the prisoner did not know the nature and quality thereof. If the prisoner thought at all, he probably thought that he was doing something quite different.

Dr. W. H. B. Stoddart took the same view.

A verdict of "Guilty but insane" was returned, and the customary order was made.

REX *v.* GERARD ARTHUR MAXWELL WILLSHIRE.

THIS case was tried at the Maidstone Assizes, on June 28, before Mr. Justice Rowlatt. The facts were of a peculiar character. On