

### Bank Official Shot.

Thomas Leslie Jones, a ledger-keeper at the City Bank, died in the Sydney Hospital on Wednesday from the effects of a bullet wound in the right temple. According to information gleaned by the police, deceased was in the company of Mr. Fitz Zimmerman, chemist, from 5 p.m. on Tuesday. Mr. Zimmerman states that they went to an hotel and played chess. Returning to Zimmerman's office next morning, Jones said he felt tired, and at his request Zimmerman made him a shake-down on the floor. Zimmerman then went out to get a newspaper, and on his return soon afterwards, found Jones lying as he had left him. After glancing over the paper he was attracted by Jones' heavy breathing, and noticed that blood was issuing from his nose. He turned him over and found a revolver lying alongside of him, and that there was a wound in his right temple. Constable McGinnon removed the man to the hospital, where he died.

The deceased, who was 32 years of age, had been in the service of the Bank since 1895, when he joined as a junior and worked his way up to the position he held. On Tuesday he was suspended, his services terminating with the close of the day's work. He resided in the Bank premises as the officer-in-charge. He was regarded as a man of good character. He was a married man, living apart from his wife, to whom he was paying alimony.

The caretaker of the Bank states that on Wednesday deceased came to the Bank chambers and went to his room, saying he was going to get some cash. He also said "I am going to do away with myself," and showed the caretaker the revolver, adding, "That is the only friend I have." The caretaker remarked that he was very foolish, and tried to persuade him to give up the revolver, but he would not do so.