

IS IDENTIFIED AS JOHN SMITH BY FRIENDS

Rifle Witnesses Say Deceased Was Aggressor.

Sentinel Special Service.
Rifle, Colo., May 21.—Henry Flack,
a German, was bound over to the
district court under \$1,000 bond and
Henry Dittelar was bound over in
the sum of \$500 at the preliminary
in looking this afternoon in view of the
two are charged with the murder of
a man who is said to be a native-born
American and who died in Grand Junction
Monday night.

Five witnesses were sworn and
much evidence was adduced to show
that the dead man was the aggressor
and that he was not struck until he
had attempted to draw a revolver on
the Germans.

James O'Hara, in whose home the
fight occurred, said he saw Stewart
out because he was trying to pick a
fight with Flack and Dittelar. He
said that Stewart drew a revolver and
Dittelar knocked him down with his
fist and when he arose and made
another effort to pull the weapon,
Flack struck him with a beer bottle.

There was no evidence to show that
any other instrument was used.

This happened at 6:30. At 8
o'clock the man is said to have been
in another cabin, where he declared
that he was going to get another
man and kill him. The British
made a post-mortem examination and
sawed up the wound.

There is some doubt here that the
man who was struck by Flack and
Dittelar is the same who died in
Grand Junction.

Neither of the men will be able to
produce their bonds.

The identification of the dead man
as John Smith of Boston, Mass.,
was made today by two friends who
had traveled with him for some time.
They say that he was a barber and
a German, and had worked at his
trade in many western towns. They
recall the idea of Smith carrying a
revolver, and believe that the attack
was without provocation. They gave
to Lester Yunker, the address of
Smith's people in Boston, and an at-
tempt to communicate with them by wire. No reply
has been received.

The two men who were with Smith
did not know of the fatal effect of
the wounds until this morning when
they read it in The Sentinel. They
came down from Rifle on the early
morning train. They were with
Smith when the wounds were dressed,
and say that the surgeon who was
called did not think that the hurts
were serious. In fact, he dressed the
wounds up what he supposed to be
great wounds and turned the man
down.

Local physicians believe that, if
proper attention had been given to
Smith at the time he was hurt, his
life might have been saved.

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