

# **DETECTIVE'S DEATH IS LAID TO CHOKING**

## ***Autopsy Shows Food Got Into De Marrais's Throat After Operation for Wounds***

The death of Detective Arthur J. De Marrais, 41 years old, on Sunday night soon after he had been operated on for bite wounds inflicted in a struggle with a prisoner who unsuccessfully attempted to escape, was due to "strangulation brought about by foreign substances in the throat," according to an autopsy report made public yesterday by Kings County Medical Examiner Manuel E. Marten.

According to the report, De Marrais had eaten a large meal shortly before his battle with the prisoner, John Brown, 37, a Negro, of 407 Classon Avenue, Brooklyn. After the operation, the report said, undigested food was regurgitated, choking De Marrais's respiratory system as he was coming out of the ether.

Meanwhile District Attorney William F. X. Geoghan in Brooklyn delayed announcement of what charge would be made against Brown, who is near death in the Kings County Hospital prison ward with bullet wounds in his chest and right armpit fired by De Marrais during their fight.

It was announced that an inspector's funeral would be held Thursday for De Marrais, who was cited several times for his skill in solving crimes. De Marrais had been on the force since 1920, was the father of five children and was detailed to the Classon Avenue station, Brooklyn. He lived at 105 Patchen Avenue, Brooklyn.