

FIND BODY OF SHARK VICTIM

Body of 12-Year-Old Lester
Stilwell, Badly Mangled
by Marine Monster, Is
Taken from Matawan
Creek — Armed Patrols
Think Shark Will Be
Taken.

NEW YORK, July 14—The body of twelve-year-old Lester Stilwell who was killed by a shark in Matawan Creek at Matawan on Wednesday was recovered early today. The corpse bore the marks of the fatal attack by the man-eater. The left side of the abdomen was torn open, and a big piece of the flesh was gone. The intestines were nearly all torn out, and the flesh of the right breast was torn loose. The limbs were unharmed.

Watchers believe they have three sharks penned up in the creek and that they can kill them at low tide.

The body was sighted by Harry Van Clief, an engineer of the Central Railroad, and William B. Clayton. Owing to the early hour only about twenty-five persons were gathered on the bank when the body was brought ashore. It was taken to the undertaking establishment of Arrowsmith Brothers.

Armed with rifles, shotguns and harpoons, scores of persons are lining the shores of Matawan Creek and patrolling it in boat today intent on exterminating the man-eaters.

A report that was given out yesterday afternoon to the effect that the man-eater had been killed and a part of a human body found inside it was denied today. The story was given out by W. L. Martin, of Long Branch, but he said this morning that it was premature.

Fifteen wire nets have been placed across Matawan Creek in the neighborhood of the point where Stilwell and Fished were killed, and it is believed that these will prevent the escape of the shark at low water.

There are believed to be several sharks in the creek now, and it is expected that they will all be bottled up by the heavy nets. If it is impossible to shoot the sharks at low water, it is probable that dynamite will be exploded in the waters of the creek in the hope that they can be killed in that way.

A big shark was seen late yesterday afternoon in the creek but he escaped. The man-eater was sighted by Norman Tice and Fire Chief Lee Emmons of Matawan, but before they could get close enough to the shark to kill him he disappeared.

Ask Federal Aid.

WASHINGTON, July 14—Letters from their constituents are pouring in on congressmen today from New Jersey asking for Federal action to destroy the sharks that have appeared off the Jersey coast and already have cost the lives of several bathers.

President Wilson, being a Jerseyite, will probably be appealed to by the people of that state to take some action at once to prevent further loss of life from sharks at the bathing beaches along the coastline of New Jersey.