

ARDS ABOVE BAR SOUTH

COURTS. CHILD'S SUDDEN DEATH.

Before the Bench. Mother's Pathetic Discovery at Liner's Side.

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How a mother's hopes of a new life in a new country were dashed by an incident in Southampton Docks, on Saturday, was told to the Southampton Borough Coroner (Mr. A. H. Emscote), at the inquest he held yesterday afternoon. Maude Taken, the three-year-old daughter of Mrs. Lucy Taken, of 12, Gerald-street, Sunderland, died in her mother's arms whilst the family were on the quayside at Berth 36, awaiting medical inspection prior to sailing on the White Star liner Corinthic, for New Zealand.

The mother said she was the widow of a crane driver. Deceased had had good health up to April 16 when she came out in a rash. Witness kept her warm indoors, and on April 19 the spots had gone, but thinking there was something wrong with her chest, she took her to a doctor in Sunderland. The doctor said her chest was bad, but if she was kept indoors she would be all-right. He gave witness a bottle of medicine, and she kept the child indoors as ordered. The child got better and was quite bright.

Witness left Sunderland with the deceased and her two other children on Friday, at noon, and arrived at Southampton about 11 p.m., in readiness to embark on the s.s. Corinthic for New Zealand, where she was going to join her sister. On Saturday they had breakfast at nine o'clock, deceased having some tea and milk, and the family then went to the Docks as they were sailing that morning. Whilst in the sheds, at about 10.15 a.m., witness noticed a change in deceased, and thought she had gone into a fit. She asked a policeman for assistance, and someone whom she understood to be the ship's doctor came up and told her the child was dead.

Dr. W. R. Y. Ives, the senior police surgeon who had held a post-mortem examination, said the child was suffering from double pneumonia and pleurisy; and death was due to consequent syncope.

A verdict of "Natural Causes" was returned.

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