

about seven years of age, some time previously, and on the occasion of a short flight of stairs when the crash was heard. The child fell itself through the window of Mr. Charles Beynon, and fell with her father and mother at breakfast. The child fell upon the head of the mother, and she took her from the house. She has sustained the slightest injury. The chimney of the house of Mr. Jacob also blown in, and the chimney of Mr. Jacob's house, which was built about ten o'clock, fell about ten o'clock. The chimney of the Vernon Arms, which was built in 1810, and of the Vernon Arms, and of £30, but no one sustained injury, of the Adelaide Inn, and of Mr. Stueck, in Fisher-street, half filling the adjacent

high tide caused considerable damage, and many buildings put to a great deal of use. Much more damage than we have chronicled—street in the town in which no tiles or other such like were blown down. A more terrific storm has been known in this district, and we have certainly much more valuable property, we have never seen a single life either at sea or on

MORNING.
equal in violence to that of this port and district this has been almost equally Reports are current to the effect that a "Wales," beached near the shore, and broken up, and become a wreck, and no official intelligence to be received.

This morning's gale the vessel bound, broke from the pier, and was on board, together with the vessel Owens. In another vessel, hundreds of spectators on the shore, but the vessel was making head against the greatest anxiety was manifested. The waves were running very high, and blowing terrifically. She was, however, saved, by her captain, pilot, and crew, helm beautifully. She came in gallant style, and

SINGULAR AND MELANCHOLY ACCIDENT.

TWO LIVES LOST IN THE UPLANDS RESERVOIR.

A melancholy accident occurred at the Uplands Reservoir on Wednesday evening last, resulting in the death of two young persons who but a few moments previously were in the enjoyment of excellent health and spirits. An inquest was held on the bodies last evening before Edward Stueck, Esq., coroner, at the Builder's Arms, Gain-street, but the evidence given throws but little light upon the distressing circumstances.

The jury consisted of Messrs William Williams, Oxford-street, foreman; James H. Roberts, painter, &c., Oxford-street; Thomas Foy, grocer, &c., Union-street; Edward Roberts, grocer, Oxford street; D. Jenkins, publican; George Teague, photographer, Oxford-street; Henry Baker, grocer, Oxford street; James Brooks, baker, &c., Oxford-street; Thomas Rees, Clifton-street; Wm. Thomas, builder, Page-street; Edward Knapman, grocer and baker, William-street; William Lewis; and John Davies, grocer, William-street.

The names of the deceased are Eliza Lewis, domestic servant, in the service of Mr. Bowden, tobacconist, &c., Wind-street, and Joseph Vossiter, seaman, who had recently arrived in this port from Coquimbo. The jury having re-assembled after viewing the bodies.

Hannah Lewis was sworn, and deposed: I live with Miss Symonds, in Christina-street. The deceased, Eliza Lewis, was my second cousin; she was about 17 years of age; she was a domestic servant with Mr. Bowden, in Wind-street, having been there about eight years. About half-past six o'clock Wednesday evening I called at Mr. Bowden's and saw the deceased, and asked her if she would come out a bit with me. She at first hesitated, saying she was not very well, but after a little persuasion she came out. After walking about the streets for a little time we met two young men—one of the name of Tucker. I did not know the other young man, but Tucker introduced him to us, and we all then went for a walk. I went with Tucker as I had known him about two years, and the deceased went with the other young man. Tucker is a sailor; his father lives in Cuba, and his mother is on her voyage to Swansea now. When we went for a walk we went down along the New Road, up through Gorse Lane, and then up the hill near the Vicarage. When at the top of this hill Tucker said let us go to the reservoir, and we all agreed to do so. We got up on to the bank and stood there talking together for a few moments. One of the young men then said "we will go round the reservoir this way and you go that way, and see who will be found

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first." The deceased, Eliza Lewis, then said to me
in a joke "good by," and then she and the young
man who accompanied her turned off to go round
the reservoir, and in a moment after this I saw her
and the young man both in the water. I did not
hear either of them call out, but the young man
made some noise with his mouth. When we first saw
them in the water I had to go back a little—they
were then out a good way. I saw the young woman
going down into the water, and I heard the splash.
The young woman had hold of the young man when
she went down. I saw them both going down, and
one of them rose again, but I cannot say which. I
heard one of them make a noise with the mouth as
though the water was going down the throat. They
fell into the water just by the sluice, where the over-
flow water runs away. The two deceased had never
seen each other before that evening. I think the
young woman must have slipped her foot, and dragged
the young man with her. The young men walked
steadily enough, but I think they were a little the
worse for beer, although they knew what they were
about. Neither I nor Eliza Lewis had anything
to drink. When we saw them in the water the
young man (Tucker) who was with me stripped off
his coat and waistcoat and boots, and was going to
jump in after them, but he said, "Oh! dear, what
shall I do; I cannot swim. I shall only be drowned
myself." He then leaned over the embankment and
tried to reach the one we saw floating. I cannot say
whether this was the young man or the young
woman. Tucker called out "come here Joe—come
here Joe," but he received no answer, and down he
went. This must have been about a quarter-past
eight o'clock. My cries brought out the servant
girl of one of the houses, and she went and told the
gentleman of the house what had happened, and he
ran up to see if he could render any assistance, and
he then went down to the police-station. I am
almost sure the young woman must have slipped in
by accident. It was not blowing very much at the
time of the accident.

John Tucker, of St. Austell, Cornwall, sworn: I
belong to the barque the "Countess of Bective." I
have been trading to this port for the past ten
years. I have known Eliza Lewis for about two
years, and Hannah Lewis, the last witness, for about
the same time. I and the deceased (Joseph Vossiter)
and Thomas Evans, met the girls in Castle street, and
asked them if they were going for a walk. They said
"yes," and we then walked down through Wind-
street. I and the deceased and Thomas Evans went
into a public-house and had a glass of ale each. The
girls would not come in, but waited outside. We
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two deceased then turned round, and in another
moment Hannah Lewis cried out, "They are in the
water," and on looking round I saw somebody in the
water, and I heard a gurgling sound in the water.
I stripped off my coat and waistcoat and boots, and
leaned over the embankment, but I could not see
them, and I then ran down to the nearest house and
gave the alarm. I and the gentleman went down to
the police station, and I came back with the police-
man. I and the deceased man had had a little liquor,
but we were perfectly sober. The wind was not very
high. I don't think the wind blew them along at all.
I had no difficulty in walking.

Daniel McLeod sworn? I am keeping the Sailor's
Home, Orchard-street. The male body which the
jury have viewed is the body of Joseph Vossiter, a
seaman, who came to the home on Saturday morning
last. He belonged to the "Tamaya," and had just
come in from Coquimbo. Deceased belonged to Bir-
mingham. I last saw the deceased about five or six
o'clock last evening. I then saw him in Shepherd's
Stores, Pleasant-street. He was brought home dead
between twelve and one o'clock in the night.

Inspector Ball sworn: I was at the police station
about twenty minutes to nine o'clock last evening,
when the witness Tucker and Mr. Noad, of the
Uplands, came to the police station and reported what
had happened, and I and other officers proceeded to
the reservoir with grappling irons, and after about two
hours we succeeded in recovering the bodies, both
being near the same place, about three feet to the left
of the sluice for the overflow. The bodies were about
twelve feet off the bank. It was a very dark and
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the men would not be led into any such excesses as
was sometimes the case in boarding houses. How-
ever, that was a matter with which the jury had
nothing to do; still when such an institution as the
Sailors' Home had been provided, he could not help
thinking that it was a great pity it was not more
generally used by the seamen.

Mr. Roberts (jurymen), said the boarding house
referred to was a coffee house, and had existed
for a long time before the Sailors' Home. He did
not think that any intoxicating drinks could be had
there.

The Coroner said that he did not say that intoxica-
ting drinks could be had in this house, but some time
ago Mr Phillips and his brother had agreed that
the house should be given up, and it was a pity they
had not kept their word.

Mr. McLeod said he had now managed the house
for about seven months, and never had a man left
there to go on board his ship unless he was sober.
Many seamen preferred this boarding house to the
Seamen's Home, and he did not think it was exactly
fair to endeavour to create an impression that this
accident occurred in consequence of the deceased
having boarded at his house.

The jury then consulted, and after a few moments,
returned a verdict of "Accidental death."

[To satisfy the somewhat fastidious taste of the
public, the water of the Uplands Reservoir was run
out immediately after this melancholy accident.]