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room of his sister and saw her of the deceased. He sta

**NARROW ESCAPE OF FIVE PRISONERS FROM GLOUCESTER.**—On Tuesday evening, whilst Mr. W. V. Payne was holding an inquest at the Bull, in Tooley-street, the following extraordinary case, and narrow escape of five persons on board the Begonnam Maid, was related to him by Mr. Mead, the summoning officer:—The vessel, which belonged to Wales, had a few days since arrived in the London pool, and had been lying at anchor in the river, with the crew consisting of five men, made up a large fire, with Welsh coal, in the fore-castle, and previous to retiring to rest they put down the fore-castle hatch. In the morning the captain was surprised at finding no one making any appearance from below. He knocked at the hatch, but without receiving any answer. This induced him to go to the hatchway and go below, where he found the five persons, lying in their berths, with blood issuing from their mouths and noses, and they appeared quite dead. They were taken on to the deck, and two medical gentlemen were sent for, and they detected the effects of some noxious vapour.—An examination having been made, it was clearly ascertained that the Welsh coal brought in the vessel, and which had been burned in the fore-castle, contained a large quantity of sulphur, the vapour from men which so filled the cabin, as to overpower the men whilst they

adjourned till Tuesday.

ADJOURNED INQUEST.

MARCH 13th.—The interest consequent on the horrible murder of Miss Jefferies at Bristol continues to increase, and at the resumption of the inquiry before the coroner this day the most intense anxiety was manifested. The inquest-room and all the approaches to it were so densely crowded that it was with the utmost difficulty the jurors or witnesses could fulfil their duties. The list of the jurors having been called over, Mr. Bernard, surgeon, was recalled in reference to the appearances presented by

outside could not have fallen short of 5000  
6,000 persons, all patiently waiting to see the pri-  
soner brought out, which, however, Inspector Ball  
did not permit until, in some measure, a clear-  
ance had been effected. The prisoner was then re-  
duced to gaol. She had by this time regained  
her confidence, and left the room with a firm step.

WEDNESDAY, March 14.—The proceedings of the  
court were resumed this morning. In addition  
to the prisoner Sarah Thomas, who was brought  
as also brought up in custody, charged with being  
accessary after the fact. The new evidence of  
portenance was that given by the mother, Anne  
Thomas, who was ordered by the coroner to be  
examined, and deposed that her daughter returned  
home to her dress at Horfield, on last Saturday week,  
and there she threw away three or four times  
she left her boxes at doord, and requested wit-  
nesses to fetch them in. They were a trunk covered  
with tin paper, and a bonnet-box—nothing more. After  
she had brought home these two boxes in the after-  
noon on Saturday, she went again into Bristol in the  
evening; she went alone, and returned about half-  
past six. She then brought home with her a small  
little brown box, and a bundle of clothes, a  
X, and a band-box, and she also had a bundle.  
On Monday evening she again went into Bristol,  
leaving Horfield at about seven o'clock, and re-  
turned at about half-past eight. She then brought  
two few biscuits and oranges, but no clothes.  
She went into Bristol on Tuesday night, and again  
on Wednesday night, returning at half-past  
six in the evening. She brought nothing else.  
The witness said she was going to buy some tape for a new  
corridor. Did not see that she brought home any  
knives or a book. She always returned alone, as  
far as witness knows.—Thomas Howley, a fly driver,  
identified the prisoner Sarah Thomas. On going up  
to Michael Hill on Saturday week last, at between  
one and two o'clock, he saw her standing on  
the pavement; she hired his fly at 2s., and took  
him to Horfield; she was alone; she had with her  
a little mahogany box, and another box with a loose  
cover, and a black bag; then accompanied her to a  
confectioner's shop in Lower Maudlin-lane, where  
he received a bundle; he then drove her to  
his house, and put her down at the stop-gate leading  
to the garden, and carried the luggage to the gate  
leading to the house, where she was going to, and left her  
going off. He saw a young girl, called Mary Sullivan,  
a little girl, and a woman, go along following  
her, and told an incoherent story about following  
two of the Riles into Miss Jefferys' house, and  
seeing the murder committed by one of them; but  
it was proved that the child was subject to epilep-  
sy, and of not right mind; the jury, therefore,  
decided that her statement should be stopped.

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*March 17th 1849*