

## **John William Rogers**

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### **Newport.**

**DEATH OF SHIP'S STEWARD.** – On Tuesday the Southampton coroner held an inquest concerning the death of John William Rogers, 53, of 4 Hillside-terrace, Newport, ship's steward, on the Union Castle liner Balmoral Castle, who was admitted to the Royal South Hants and Southampton Hospital on December 24<sup>th</sup> after an accident on the Balmoral. The widow, a daughter of the late Mr. A. Hendicott, stated that deceased told her that a drum of soft soap had slipped through the second steward's hands and had struck him whilst he was at work on the Balmoral Castle on the day the vessel sailed from Southampton. On going to bed that night he noticed that his left ankle was inflamed. He reported to the ship's doctor next day and did not work afterwards. He remained in the peak for five weeks, until the vessel's return to Southampton. According to the chart at the hospital her husband was receiving treatment for gangrene of the left foot. Dr. Thomas, senior house surgeon at the hospital named, said deceased gave him the same account of the cause of the trouble as he gave his wife. The fall of the drum on the foot had something to do with the condition of the foot, but death was due to toxaemia and gangrene of the bowels. The condition of the foot had no actual relationship to the cause of death, nor was death accelerated by it. A verdict of death from natural causes was returned.

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