

Tragic Death

Limerick Child's Fatal Accident

A child believed by her mother to have put her mouth to the spout of a steaming kettle died in Barrington's Hospital, Limerick, on Saturday night. She was Kathleen Ryan, aged 2½ years.

At an inquest held by Mr J S McNeice, solicitor, Acting Coroner, yesterday afternoon, Mrs Mary Ryan, mother of the child, stated that she was in the kitchen and had removed a boiling kettle from the gas ring to the range. She turned her back and then heard the child screaming and pointing to her mouth. She assumed that the little girl had put her mouth to the spout of the kettle, as no water was spilled.

Dr F Crowe, Barrington's Hospital, said death was due to asphyxia following oedema of the windpipe.

A verdict in accordance with the medical testimony was returned.