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SUDDEN DEATH. Is it "X" Disease?

Mr and Mrs Joseph Lloyd, junr., of Stanhope Road, Rushworth, suffered a sad misfortune on Thursday morning last in the death of their little son under painfully sudden circumstances.

It appears that the child, aged two years eight months, retired to bed the previous evening apparently in his usual health. At about eleven o'clock, and again at two a.m., he awoke and appeared restless and vomited slightly. However, on each occasion he was soon asleep again and when his father left to go to Wanalta he was apparently all right.

At about quarter past six o'clock his great aunt, Mrs Brideson, heard him make a noise as if all dried with croup. On going to him, Mrs Brideson, who is an experienced nurse, at once perceived that the case was serious. Picking the child up she found that he was already unconscious.

She immediately despatched a neighbour for the doctor but a few minutes later the child gave a couple of gasps and died.

A magisterial inquiry was held during yesterday afternoon by Mr E. A. Muhlhan, J.P., when the foregoing facts were elucidated.

Dr Utber, who made a past mortem examination of the body later, stated that he found the body to be that of a well developed and well nourished child, and that the internal organs were in a healthy state. He concluded that death had ensued from natural causes, and from the circumstances of the case gave it as his opinion that death was probably brought about by the new disease known as "X" disease.

A finding was recorded that deceased, Burl Lloyd, died from natural causes, probably brought about by the new disease known as "X" disease, as shown by the medical testimony.

Cemetery records include a Joseph Lloyd, presumably the father mentioned here. In a different grave there is an unnamed Lloyd. Could be Burl, or he could have been buried with his father.