

“Death from National Causes.”

TO THE EDITOR OF THE EVENING POST:

SIR: The following brief report of a Coroner’s inquest appeared in a recent issue of the London *Daily Mail*. Of course, such a commonplace item of news as this attracts little or no attention in these days in any of the warring countries, whether they be fighting to make the world safe for democracy or safe for bureaucracy, but possibly some of your readers may be interested in this glimpse behind the scenes:

SORROWING MOTHER’S WISH.

After her third son had been killed at the front, Frances Jane Dowden, 54 Nine Elms Lane, Battersea, London, S.W., became strange in her manner, often saying, “I wish the Lord would have me.” On Monday she was found dead, and the jury yesterday returned a verdict of “Death from Natural Causes.”

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