

stated that at 9 o'clock on Monday morning he went to Snettisham beach in consequence of a communication made to him by the son of the last witness. He found the body of a man lying on the sand about a mile and a half on the Lynn side of the creek. The body was well clothed. A life-belt which was found round the body was marked in black letters "Maria." The Coroner said that under the Board of Trade regulations boats were obliged to carry a number of life-belts according to the number of the crew and the number of passengers on board. Those life-belts should be marked with the name of the boat on which they were kept.

The witness, continuing, said that he searched the body, but found no marks of identification on it. In the trousers pocket he found a purse containing several Norwegian copper coins. In spite of inquiries which witnesses and others had made nothing could be ascertained as to the identity of the body. With the assistance of Mr. Kendall, the Snettisham parish constable, Woodhouse and his men he removed the body to Wolferton at a distance of about two miles. Witness then communicated with the parish constable of Wolferton, and the body was afterwards removed to Wolferton village. Witness had made a careful examination of the body, and he could find no marks or signs on it. Witness should say that the man was that of a man 30 years of age or thereabouts. The recent heavy gale had caused Snettisham beach to be covered with wreckage, and the body lay among the wreckage. A large number of papers had been found among the wreckage relating to the Caprice. There was nothing to connect the dead man with the Caprice except that the Caprice was a Norwegian owned boat and he found Norwegian coins in the trousers pocket of the dead man.

did not die from drowning.

Answering other questions put by jurors the witness said that he knew nothing about a boat called the Maria.

The Coroner: We have made inquiries at Lynn, and we cannot find such a name.

Oliver: There has been a life-belt found on the beach which has no name on it at all.

The Coroner said that he understood there had been certain irregularities on board the Caprice, and the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine at Lynn ordered the boat to remain until certain certificates were forthcoming.

Oliver: Mr. Genocchio told me that this morning.

The Coroner said that the Caprice was a foreign boat, and perhaps she had not got used to English ways yet. A foreign boat coming into the Lynn port had got to conform to our ways before she would be allowed to go out. Proceeding, he said that the evidence the jury had heard was all that he could place before them. They could not invent evidence, and if it was not there the jury could not have it. There was no knowing who the poor fellow was, and they could not say how he came by his death. He might have taken off his boots, put on a life-belt and jumped overboard. In jumping overboard he might have caught his head on something and stunned himself. It appeared to be evident that he had floated about in the water.

The jury returned an open verdict.