

Charles Woodhouse, of Snettisham, fisherman, stated that on Monday morning, at 8 o'clock he was cockling on the beach. While he was there he saw the body of a man lying on the sand. The tide had just receded from the shore and he went to it. He told his son to report the matter to Acting Sergeant Oliver. Woodhouse remained with the body until Oliver arrived at about 9.30, and he assisted to remove it to Wolferton Point. There was a life-belt around the body, and the man wore a dark, heavy jacket. The man had no boots on, but a hat was tied around the head.

In reply to the Foreman, witness said there was no name in the hat to his knowledge.

Acting Sergeant Oliver, stationed at Snettisham, 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.

Witness, continuing, said that he searched the body, but found no marks of identification on it. In the trousers pocket he found a card containing several Norwegian copper coins.

In spite of inquiries which witness 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 son removed the body to Wolferton Point, a distance of about two miles.

In reply to questions put by the Coroner, witness said that wreckage was found on the beach on Sunday, and the body was found till Monday. He thought that the man had been afloat for a time and that he had not been dead more than a few hours when witness first saw the body, which was quite fresh. He thought it would be absurd to suggest that the man died from drowning, as he considered that it would be impossible for the man to sink with the life-belt on. He thought that the man had been in the water some time and that he had died from exposure. He was convinced that the man did not die from drowning.

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

The Coroner: We have made inquiries of the Lydn, 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 some irregularities on board the Caprice, and the Superintendent of Mercantile Marine at Lydn ordered the boat to be detained until certain certificates were forthcoming.

Oliver: Mr. Genocchio told me that the boat was there on Monday morning.

The Coroner said that the Caprice was a foreign boat, and perhaps she had not yet returned to English waters. A foreign boat coming into the Lydn port had got to be examined 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 invest evidence, and if it was not the evidence the jury could not have it. There was a