

TAKEN FROM RIVER

Woman's Body In The Shannon

EVIDENCE AT INQUEST

Mr. J. S. McNeice, City Coroner, held an inquest in Barrington's Hospital today into the circumstances surrounding the death of Mary Anne Mulcahy (57), spinster, Ballykeeffe, Mungret, whose dead body was found in the river Shannon near the "Snuff Box," yesterday morning.

Deceased had been missing from her home for the past nine days. Shortly after her disappearance her description was broadcast from Radio Eireann without success.

Inspector W. Brazil conducted the investigation on behalf of the State.

LYING IN THE RUSHES.

Guard Thomas Gardiner, O'Curry St., in evidence, said that at 12 noon on Sunday he found the deceased Mary Anne Mulcahy lying in the rushes on the river bank about 50 yards on the city side of the "Snuff Box." She was fully dressed and was lying face downwards. The body was badly decomposed. Deponent phoned for the ambulance and had the body conveyed to Barrington's Hospital. Witness searched the body and found two single pound notes in her outer coat, in addition to two half-crowns, two single shillings and four pence. He also found two pairs of glasses and a Rosary beads.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. J. G. Tynan, Barrington's Hospital, said that the appearance of the body was consistent with it being immersed in water for a number of days. Death, in his opinion, was due to asphyxia following immersion in the water. There were no signs of violence on the body.

Inspector Walter Brazil gave evidence of identification and said there was nothing to show how the deceased got into the water.

The Coroner brought in an open verdict of "found drowned."

The Coroner and Inspector Brazil extended sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

FATAL IMPACT

James Savage, Rathbeale, Swords, Co. Dublin, was killed near his home last night when a motor car struck his bicycle. Civic Guards immediately organised a search for the motor car.

HEALTH INSURANCE

Claim For Arrears

PECULIAR TYPE OF CASE

At Bruff District Court on Thursday of last week, Mr. H. L. Connor, B.L., adjudicated.

The Minister for Local Government and Public Health sued Daniel H. Ragamas, Bruff, for £1 19s. 0d. arrear of National Health contributions all to be due by defendant in respect of an employee named Bridget Casey.

Mr. J. J. Power, State Solicitor, appeared for the plaintiff; Mr. T. Mitchell, solicitor, appeared for the defendant.

Mr. Power said that the claim was in respect of the first and second periods of 1939.

Robert Vincent Walker, N.H. official, said that when he wrote to the defendant in connection with the matter he received a reply to the effect that Bridget Casey was not in his employment this year or last year. When he next visited defendant's place he found the girl there.

In reply to Mr. Mitchell, witness said that the defendant claimed that the girl had been ill for a considerable time and was unable to work. Witness did not believe this story and he was of opinion that she was being paid wages. A week prior to his visit to the defendant Bridget Casey called at his office in Limerick and said that the National Health Inspector never called on her and she was protesting against the case on.

A PECULIAR CASE.

Mr. Mitchell—This is a rather peculiar case for the simple reason that the defendant, who is a farmer, will not go into Court. He says to the plaintiff "You will have to defend this case and if you don't succeed you will have to pay yourself or else you will have to leave my house." His attitude is peculiar. There is no doubt that the girl was employed by the defendant two years ago but at the moment the defendant has no stock his only income is all sub-let. Hayes is allowing her to remain in the house and he is paying her no wages. Recently she became ill and had to go to Croagh Hospital where she stayed for several weeks. She has no place to go and that is the reason she is staying at the defendant's place. Bridget Casey said that she had been 10 or 11 years at the place. There