

Found by wife dying on line

A WOMAN told an inquest jury in Wexford yesterday how she found her husband lying on a railway line with both feet cut off by a passing train. The man, 82-year-old Richard Cardiff, a farmer, of Bulgan, Glynn, died from the injuries.

Mrs. Elizabeth Cardiff said that on Wednesday her husband left in a car for Enniscorthy. "At about 10 o'clock that night, she said, "I heard that my husband had not come home in the car, and I went to Killurin Station. Near the station I heard him calling and I flashed a torch, but could not see him. When I reached the platform he was not there, but he called again and then I saw him lying on the line

"I jumped down and asked him what happened, and he said the legs were gone. I saw then that his legs from below the knees were cut off, and I went for help."

Superintendent Carroll said that Mr. Cardiff got off the passenger train and was injured by the goods train that followed it. "I investigated it," he said, "and I am satisfied that neither the driver, fireman nor guard on the train knew anything about it until they were told afterwards in Wexford. No blame can be attached to them."

A verdict was returned in accordance with the medical evidence.