

# Spaniard Acquitted

## Alleged Attack on Russian

### GIRRAWEE ALTERCATION

Two Russians—George Doobrofski and Eva Blonovski—and a Spaniard and his wife were living in a house in Magowar-road, Girraween, on October 16.

Prior to that, a young lady named Finchinoff had been staying there, and George Kulakoff had been visiting her at week-ends. She was his young lady.

On October 15, Kulakoff took Miss Finchinoff back to Sydney. And as a result of something she told him, Kulakoff returned to Girraween the following day. Things happened then.

The sequel to it all was at the Parramatta Quarter Sessions on Tuesday, when the Spaniard, Jose Ruiz (25) was charged with having maliciously wounded Kulakoff.

Mr. F. W. Berne prosecuted for the Crown. Mr. F. E. Murray appeared for the accused, who pleaded not guilty.

Undisputed facts of the case were that Kulakoff, when he went to the house on October 18, accused Ruiz of having interfered with his girl, and that Kulakoff, in the altercation that followed, received a wound in the forehead which required six stitches, and several minor scalp wounds.

Constable Lee said that the accused, when told what was alleged against him, denied that he had had a knife. Asked whether he had had a fight with Kulakoff, the accused said, "Yes. He come here and say I interfere with his girl. We start to fight, and he run out into the yard and I follow him. I think he hit his head on the fence, or might be wire." Later, the accused handed to Constable Skehan a knife that he had hidden in a drain, and said, "That's it. I tell the truth, sergeant."

The evidence of Dr. Kingsley, of the Parramatta District Hospital, was that he inserted six stitches in the wound on Kulakoff's forehead, and that Kulakoff had several incised wounds, more or less superficial, on the left side of

or less superficial, on the left side of the scalp, two requiring a stitch each.

Kulakoff, a watchmaker, who lives in Dowling-street, Darlinghurst, said that he and the accused had a fight at the house, and that he ran out into the yard when he saw the accused brandishing a knife. The accused followed him into the yard and stabbed him three or four times with the knife.

Kulakoff's version was supported by Doobrofski and Mrs. Blenowski.

Ruiz, who was formerly in the Spanish navy, said that he was attacked in the house by Kulakoff and Doobrofski, and that Kulakoff got him by the ankle and twisted it hard, causing him to scream with pain.

"I was frightened they would kill me," the accused said. "I jumped through the window and ran down the yard. Kulakoff came after me and caught me at the gate. He grabbed my right wrist and tried to take the knife off me. We both fell on the barbed wire."

The accused denied having deliberately stabbed Kulakoff. He also denied that he had insulted Kulakoff's girl in any way.

The wife of the accused gave a similar version of what occurred.

The jury found the accused not guilty, and he was discharged.