

"I SAW RED"

Husband Tells Court

HIT WIFE WITH CHAIR

When he "saw red" at their home in Pemberton Street, Parramatta, on January 31, Alexander Simula hit his wife (Mary Jeanetta) on the back with a chair. Charged with having assaulted her—at the Parramatta Police Court on Friday—he pleaded "guilty under provocation."

Simula didn't turn up at first, and the magistrate (Mr. Hardwick) proceeded to hear the case *ex parte*. Mr. J. M. Greig appeared for the wife.

Mr. Greig said that the husband came home under the influence of liquor and struck his wife on the back with a chair, inflicting rather severe injuries.

"She had to attend hospital for treatment," Mr. Greig said. "She's not living with him now. At the time the summons was issued, we allege, he threatened that, unless she left, he would do her in properly."

At this stage Simula walked in—and pleaded.

It was stated that the parties had been married seventeen years and had three children.

"The baby of the family is eight years of age," Simula said. "He has a little dog, which he got for his last birthday. The dog chewed the lino, and my wife was hitting the dog. The boy begged her not to do it, and she hit the boy. I saw red then."

Mr. Greig: I understand that the wife hit the boy once on the leg with a soft slipper.

Simula: The dog deserved to be punished, but not the boy.

Simula was bound over to keep the peace towards his wife for six months, and was ordered to pay £2/10/- costs.

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"Now, don't see red any more," was
the magistrate's advice.**