

MOLONG TRAGEDY

STATEMENT BY ACCUSED

The inquest on the bodies of the victims of the recent tragedy at Molong was concluded on Thursday. The man Syrjalainen, a Finn, was committed for trial on charges of murdering Caragher and Willis.

Accused told the police that he had a vivid dream a few nights before the tragedy, namely, that whilst in gaol he was told by a policeman that he had committed a murder, and he was shown two bodies. When he woke up he said, "Thank God, that wasn't true." The morning after the tragedy, when he was awakened in his cell by a policeman, and told he had killed two men, he said, "I wish this was a dream, too."

Accused also said, "After I shot Caragher I done my block. I thought they would kill me. My mouth was dry, and I couldn't speak. I couldn't run properly, I was frightened. I don't remember shooting Willis."