

POISONED IN ERROR

CUT THROAT TO SAVE LIFE.

A man named John Odloff, aged 40 years, was brought from Tamber Springs to Gunnedah Hospital suffering from the effects of poison and a lacerated throat. He died shortly after admission.

At the inquest on Wednesday, evidence was given that deceased, when found, stated that he had taken strychnine with his breakfast in mistake for salt, and on discovery that he was poisoned, had cut his throat with a razor to counteract the poison. He also stated to his employer that he was of Russian nationality, had served in the war with the 12th Battalion, A.I.F., and had married in England 10 years ago.

The finding of the coroner was that deceased had died from strychnine poison, but the evidence did not enable him to say whether accidentally or otherwise.

At the police court last week, Daisy Odloff, wife of the above deceased, a person deemed to be insane, and found wandering at large in Gunnedah, was committed to the mental hospital at Gladesville.