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The preliminary inquiry into a charge of murder, preferred against a Tamil estate tapper, was heard before Mr. W. Burton in the 2nd Police Court, Kuala Lumpur, on Monday, and Tuesday the accused being committed to take his trial at the forth-coming Assizes on the capital charge.

Chief Court Inspector Taylor, gave a brief outline of how the alleged crime was committed, from which it appeared that the accused worked on a rubber plantation somewhere in the vicinity of the Ampang Rifle Range. Living with him was a woman named Letchmi, who was not married to the accused but had had two children by him. On the 12th of November, 1921, accused went out to work, as usual, leaving the woman and children in the lines. He came back from work about 8-30 a.m., and asked the woman for betel-nut leaves etc. She apparently did not attend to him quickly enough, and a quarrel ensued, during the course of which the accused is alleged to have stabbed the woman in the abdomen and left upper arm with a tapping gouge. The woman ran out of the cooly-lines shouting, and met the mandor, whom she informed that the accused had stabbed her. She was taken to the General Hospital and operated upon by the Medical Officer at once. She died the following evening from shock. Meanwhile, the accused had run away, but was arrested later at Gonggang, wearing a blood-stained coat and singlet.

