

CORONER'S INQUEST.

VICTORIA, TO WIT.

This Deponent* Ernest Delalandon his oath saith, I am a Braceman at the Adelaide Mineresiding at Eganstown* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I have been working at the Adelaide Mine about 7 months - I remember the night 28 May - I went off sleep a 12 o'clock midnight from the brace - the two deceased went down the shaft at 12.30 am on the 29 May - I was at the brace to about 1 o'clock - they went up during that 1/2 hour three buckets - after me about 1/2 I did not hear from them again - about a quarter to 2 o'clock I went and listened at the shaft because they had not sent any water up. The Engine Down was at the shaft also - there is ^{nothing unusual in} ~~nothing unusual in~~ interval of 3/4 of an hour before water is sent up. It was not an unusual thing for the men to not send water up - because they might be boring - when I listened there was no sound of working - I shook the rope to see if I could communicate ~~with~~ with the Men. The Engine Down tries to push up the bucket it would only come about 18 inches - I went down the shaft by the ladder - the water was ~~down~~ ^{about half} way up the shaft - I saw nothing in the water - I came to the surface sent the Manager at Eganstown - the Engine Down went for assistance to the Cornwallia Mine - when I went to the shaft I heard as unusual sound break or explosion - I understood the system of knocking - I am clear that after 1 o'clock there was no knocking from the Men - then ^{must} ~~was~~ ^{the men} ~~the men~~ strong body of water which prevented my hearing - had the men knocked I should have heard them - (Mr. Thomas Madley brother of Mr. Thompson) after first induced me to go to the shaft, that the men so a rule - did not wait very long without communicating with the surface - I was not in the Engine Down during that 3/4 of an hour - I did not notice any contraction on the rope during the last time I went to the shaft at a quarter to 2 o'clock - the knocking line was in good order that evening

Taken and Sworn before me the 12th day
of June 1907 at Baylisford

L. J. Goldsworthy
Coroner.

Ernest Delaland
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This Deponent* John Hamson his oath saith, I am a Engine Driver at the Adelaide Mine
residing at Exmouth* Christian and
Surname in
full.

I am duly certificated Engine Driver - I went to shift at 12 o'clock midnight. On the 21st May - I saw the deceased last at 12.30 o'clock on the 22nd May - three buckets of water came up the shaft from him & men - after the last bucket or bucket I did not hear from the men. I went over to the shaft about 20 minutes to 2 o'clock - I thought I should have a look during that time - I listened but I could not hear any sound - no any working at all - the big Adelaide has making lumens he makes the way about 30 feet - then the two men has been lowered down by me in the bucket - when I could not hear any sound I tried to get the bucket up - I could only raise it a foot to 18 inches - I knew then something was wrong - Adelaide then went down the shaft & reported to me water was half way up the shaft. he went to the Mining Manager to report it - I went to the Comptroller Mine for assistance I have been Engine Driver at the Adelaide mine about three months - Heino deceased never complained to me or the Mining Manager of fear of any water the ^{bucket} was in good order - It hadly broken the ^{comp} (I said not when any unusual vibration in the rope ^{or drum} during the 3/4 of the hour -

Taken and Sworn before me the 12th day
of June 1907 at Exmouth
S. J. Goldsmith
Coroner.

John Hams.