

TERRORISM AT OUTTRIM.

SERIES OF PROSECUTIONS.

KORUMBURRA, Friday.

The local Court of Petty Sessions was taken up the best part of the day with the hearing of charges arising out of the coal strike at Outtrim and Jumbunna. The charge against Mrs. Fee for having used indecent language to a Miss Devine at Outtrim was withdrawn. In the evidence for the prosecution it was shown that Mrs. Fee had used most disgusting language to Miss Devine. The case was first called on on the 12th June, and while giving evidence the defendant fainted. Since then numerous adjournments have been made on account of Mrs. Fee's ill-health. She failed to put in an appearance yesterday, and the case was withdrawn.

Hugh Taylor and William Torrens were charged by Constable Radburn with following J. H. Lucas and others in a disorderly manner in Jumbunna on 12th July. The prosecutor, who is a miner at present employed in the Jumbunna mine, said that on the 12th July he was in Outtrim, and then went on to Jumbunna. On arriving there he saw Taylor and Torrens in a crowd. After visiting the township he went to the railway station, and then after going along the railway line for some distance he turned off towards the mine. When nearly 200 yards from the line he saw a crowd, which included the two defendants. Stones, bottles, and tins were thrown, and a great deal of abuse was showered on them. He could not swear that the defendants threw anything or used any bad language. There were ten others with witness. When they got about a quarter of a mile from the railway line they started to run to avoid the missiles that were thrown at them. Henry James Cox gave similar evidence. Henry Thomas Watson said he identified Taylor as being in a crowd that followed the free laborers. Constable Radburn said he saw Torrens following the free laborers through Outtrim on to the railway line, when he met Casey, the president of the Jumbunna Miners' Lodge, and the latter said, "My God, they'll take your town next." Torrens, in company with others, then continued following the free laborers. At this stage Mr. Smallman, P.M., who occupied the bench with Mr. G. W. Mitchell, J.P., intimated that

G. W. Mitchell, J.P., intimated that they did not consider there was any evidence against Torrens, and he was discharged, after receiving a warning to keep himself free from difficulties of this sort. Taylor's defence was that he was not on the railway line on the afternoon in question. The Bench, in discharging the accused, said the case was either one of mistaken identity, or the grossest perjury had been committed.

John Cohn, one of the strikers, was charged with having unlawfully assaulted Henry Matson, a miner employed at the Outtrim mine. The evidence of the prosecution was to the effect that on Saturday evening last Matson, with other miners, was standing at High-street corner, when the accused came on the scene and asked for a match. Some "barracking" took place, and then accused struck Matson on the face. Accused denied having assaulted Matson, and said that the latter was under the influence of liquor on the evening in question. The case was adjourned for a fortnight for the attendance of Constable Glowaski.

A free laborer named Alfred Stowe, employed at the Jumbunna mine, was charged with having used obscene language in a public place. He was fined £5, with 7/6 costs, or a month's imprisonment.—

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