

“ THAT’S MY WIFE.” DISTURBANCE IN ENMORE- ROAD.

When Constable Brooks was on duty in Enmore-road, Newtown, near the Railway Bridge, on Wednesday night, about 7.30 o'clock, he noticed a couple of men struggling on the roadway. A large crowd had assembled to watch the proceedings. When Brooks approached one of the men cleared off at a fast pace, but the constable was able to secure the second man, named Krausmann. When Brooks grabbed him he asked, “Let me go. Let me get at the —.”

Krausmann was taken to the police station, where he remarked, “If you knew the rights of this it would be different. My wife is in the habit of going out with men, and I have caught them. I want you to get me the name of that man.” Later on a man called Bengel entered the police station, and said, referring to Krausmann, “That’s the man who assaulted me; I will give him in charge.” Krausmann then said, “That is the man going out with my wife.” Bengel was also taken into custody.

At Newtown Police Station yesterday Edward Krausmann, 39, and John Bengel, 55, were each charged with having been guilty of riotous behaviour in Enmore-road.

Evidence was given by Constable Brooks in support of the prosecution.

Bengel, a carpenter, residing at Edgeware-road, Enmore, an employee of the Harbor Trust, said that he was passing along the street when a lady asked him if the tram stopped at the place. He replied in the negative, and passed on his way. Suddenly he received a blow from behind on the ear from Krausmann, which caused him to fall down. Bengel struggled to his feet, and Krausmann again hit him a severe blow. Bengel ran off to get a constable. There was not the least provocation given for the assault. Bengel had never seen Krausmann before. Both he and his wife were per-

mann before. Both he and his wife were perfect strangers to him. Witness did not know even if it were Krausmann's wife who spoke to him.

In cross-examination, witness denied fighting. He only tried to get away from Krausmann.

Krausmann, a contractor, residing at Marion-street, Eumore, said that he saw Benger following his (witness) wife along the street, and she was trying to get away from him. Witness went up to Benger, and, putting his hand on him, remarked, "Mister, that is my wife." Witness then struck Benger several times. Benger closed with witness, and they had a scuffle. "That's all," said witness.

Other evidence having been given, the magistrate (Mr. Clarke) dismissed the case against Benger, and convicted Krausmann, who was fined £2 or a month's gaol.