

## WOLLONGONG COURT

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### Drunk and Riotous.

On Tuesday William Morgan, for riotous behavior in Crown-street was fined 10s; for indecent language 40s, or fourteen days.

John Henry Walker, drunkenness, fined 2s 6d.

John Barnett, riotous behavior in Crown-street, pleaded guilty. Constable Redmond stated that Barnett had been subjected to some annoyance and had challenged some of the crowd to fight. Fined 10s, costs 6s.

Leonard Burns, 20, pleaded guilty to a charge of using indecent language in Wollongong. Sergt. Noble stated defendant was one of a gang of young men who were becoming very troublesome; they were to be heard at all hours of the night and many complaints had been received about them. Fined 20s, 6s costs, or seven days. Defendant asked for time to pay. Fourteen days were given on security being forthcoming.

Fritz Becker pleaded guilty to a charge of being drunk and disorderly at Figtree. Constable Hargrave stated that Becker was being set upon by a mob at the hotel, Figtree; but

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the lessee informed him that but for his (the constable's arrival) they would have 'put the boot in.' Fined 1s, costs 6/.

#### Out of Season.

Peter Comensoli pleaded guilty to having six quail in his possession, it being the close season for the birds. Sergt. Noble explained that defendant was a foreigner, and it was very unlikely he knew he was breaking the law. The S.M. said that defendant was liable to a fine of £5 for each bird. Fined 2s 6d each bird and 6s. costs.

#### Riotous Finns.

Franz Frosberg, a young man, was charged with maliciously damaging property in the hotel, Port Kembla; with resisting arrest, with assaulting a constable, and with indecent language.

The evidence of Constable Somer-

ville was that he had a struggle with accused in the endeavour to arrest him for half an hour. Defendant eventually got away. There was a crowd round of about two hundred, who cheered defendant and jeered at the constable.

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Inspector Anderson said that it was the custom of Russian Finns and other blackguards at Port Kembla to make a set at the constable. He asked for a penalty of imprisonment. Sentenced, for the assault, to three months' imprisonment in State Penitentiary. On the other charges, fines up to 40s or 14 days, were imposed.

Victor Petersen and Hjalmar Lilyestrom for inciting Frosberg to resist and for bad language, were fined on each 40s or 14 days.

It was stated they had been at the hotel all the afternoon.

#### Milk Adulteration.

Three persons were charged with having in Corrimal and Tarrawanna, sold milk which was adulterated, against one defendant there were two charges. Each pleaded guilty, but denied adulteration.

Inspector Francis, of the Board of Health, stated that the deficiencies were in all cases very small, and might be explainable. In one case the S.M. suggested a withdrawal of the charge on the payment of costs. Inspector Francis stated he did not know that his Board would approve of that; he thought a light penalty might be imposed. A fine of 10s with

might be imposed. A fine of 1s with 6s costs was imposed in two cases, and in the other two of 5s and 6s. costs

### 'Absenting from Work.

The S.M. remarked there were over one hundred employees of the Coal-cliff Colliery charged with absenting themselves from work. He asked if the matter could not be settled. It would be deplorable if, while the nation was fighting for its existence, we were fighting among ourselves.

Mr. G. S. Beeby (instructed by J. Stuart Thom and Co.), who appeared for the prosecution, said he could not hold out any hopes of a settlement; his instructions were to pro-

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secute. The stoppages of work had become so frequent that it was impossible to carry on the industry.

Mr. J. W. Abigail, for the defence said that if the charges were proceeded with, they would last three months.

Mr. Beeby : We have heard that threat before.

Mr. Abigail expressed willingness to confer with Mr. Beeby as to a settlement.

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The S.M. said there were a number of cases to be dealt with first.

Mr. Beeby said he was willing to confer with Mr. Abigail while the Court was dealing with these cases.

The parties accordingly conferred, and, we understand, terms were formulated. An engineman, who is not a member of the I.C.E.A., would not agree.

Late in the afternoon Mr. Beeby informed the Court that no settlement had been come to, and that the prosecution would have to proceed.

Mr. Abigail: Give us a day; we may be able to pour oil on to 'the troubled waters.

The hearing was adjourned until Thursday.