

## Shooting with Intent.

### AT PEAK HILL.

At the Peak Hill Police Court on Tuesday last, before Mr L. L. Crockett, R.M., a man named Joe Felipov was charged with shooting Edward Morton with intent to kill. The alleged offence occurred at Peak Hill on 7th December last. The accused expressed a wish to say nothing and reserved his defence.

Edward Morton, a miner residing at Peak Hill stated—I have only lately arrived at Peak Hill from Meekatharra, Joe Felipov and Laurence came with me. We arrived on the 6th December. We visited Ruby Well on the way. Laurence purchased some provisions before leaving Meekatharra with his own and Felipov's money. About 19s of Felipov's money was spent between Meekatharra and Peak Hill, where we arrived at about 10 a.m. We first went to the dam to wash some clothes I said to accused: "Would you look after the clothes while I have a look round"; he refused.

have a look round ; he refused, and took his rifle and swag across to another camp. Laurence and I came up to the town about 6 p.m. We met a friend or two and got an abandoned camp. We got some things at Sweeney's store, for which Mr Rogers paid. I saw Felipov afterwards in the town and told him we had a camp and stores. I went to the camp shortly after and came back again. We went to Stalley's hotel and had three games of bridge ; this was about 8 p.m. Hardie, Laurence and Rogers were with me. We left at about 11 p.m. The accused was sitting in the same room, but he did not play cards. We had some drinks, as also did the accused. I was sober at the time, and the accused, Hardie, Laurence, and myself went back to camp together. The accused was going to camp with us. We got there about 11.30, There were two bunks in the camp, and one in the bough shed. I suggested to accused that he should sleep in the one in the bough shed, and he didn't seem to like it. The accused said to Laurence that he (the accused) was a very good man when he had money.

~~very good man who was the accused.~~  
I told him to shut up and go to bed. He told me I owed him £5. I owed him nothing. He walked up to me and said that I was a very strong man. "I'm a strong man, too," he said, and went to grapple with me, so I gave him a hit with my fist. Mrs Hardy came along then and Hardy went home with her. The accused had moved round to the back, and we were standing at the end of the bough shed. I went to walk around to the camp, and just as I got to the door accused fired. Just as he fired I turned round and he fired again. I was side-on when he first fired, and was about ten yards away. I just saw him as he had the rifle to his shoulder as if he was waiting. I am certain that it was the accused who fired at me. The first bullet hit me on the left side, and the second on the left breast. I was passing him as the second shot hit me. I had my singlet and shirt on at the time. My shirt was tussore silk. After the second shot, I sang out to Hardy that I had been shot, and he came over and went for the doctor. I had not borrowed any money from the accused at any

any money from the accused at any time. I bit the accused in the neck but did not call him a——. I did not hear anyone call him that name. Laurence never hit him that night. I never threw the accused down and bit the back of his neck against a stone, and did not catch him by the throat. I don't think I could identify the accused's rifle. He was not drunk at the time of the shooting, though he had a few drinks. He never spoke when he fired at me. I had known accused about three months at Meekatharra. He wanted to come to Peak Hill, but Laurence did not want him to, but told him to please himself.

L Lawrence corroborated Morton's evidence, and Constance Hardy and Alexander Hardy related what had occurred after the accused, Morton and Lawrence had met them at Peak Hill. Dr Barrett also gave evidence.

Constable Henry Meginness gave evidence as to arresting accused, who stated, after receiving the usual warning, that he had left Meekatharra with those two men, not mentioning their names. He gave them money to buy tucker. They

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came to Ruby Well per motor car,  
where he gave them 10s and £1 to  
buy tucker. At Peak Hill they got  
two tins of "dog." He had no  
bread, only tinned meat for his din-  
ner. He said they drank plenty of  
beer with the money which he had  
lent them. They wanted more  
money and he refused them. They  
then told him to go away, as they  
had plenty of friends. They hit  
him on the jaw and called him a  
—— Austrian and a ——  
and told him to clear out of the  
camp. He caught hold of Lau-  
rence, who hit him. The big fellow  
then caught hold of his hand and  
neck and made him let go. He was  
thrown down and hit on the back  
and head, causing blood to flow. He  
went to bed and the big fellow  
came and sat on his legs and caught  
him by the throat, but he got away.  
He was frightened and went outside.  
He then fired two shots

Accused reserved his defence, and  
was committed for trial at the  
Quarter Sessions at Cue, on the 23rd  
February next.