

An Ellalong Trouble.

Wild Threats.

A rather burly fireman, named Alexander Stuhrit, who had been working for some months at Stanford No. 2 mine, the shaft of which is being put down near Ellalong, caused some trouble last Sunday—that is if the story told at the police court on Tuesday is to be believed. Stuhrit, it appears, had been an inoffensive man until Sunday night when he appeared to have suddenly become a wild man and threatened to kill the boss of the show and drink his blood. Stuhrit, it appears had become famous for his phenomenal feats of strength and his wild manner and wilder threats appeared to have disturbed the neighborhood to such an extent that the police were requisitioned to take him into custody. What happened appears below:

Alexander Stuhrit was charged with unlawfully assaulting Arthur Turley and using threatening words to Arthur Turley. Constable Thekeld said that from information received he proceeded to Ellalong to the pit known as Stanford Merthyr No. 2 pit, in company with Constables Baumgardner and Hughes. There he saw defendant Alex-

ander Stuhrit, and in reply to a question said there was nothing the matter with him. Defendant said that Turley came down to the pit and interfered with the boilers and he had no right. All he done was to call him a scab. Turley gave defendant in charge for threatening language, with which he then stood charged.

To Mr. Ward: The information of threatening words was laid that morning on advice of Mr. Waller. Complainant told him the words used when he was out at Ellalong. He did not know defendant. He heard a complaint that Turley had pulled the fire out of the boilers. It was at the door of complainant's hut that the assault was said to have taken place. Complainant informed him this.

Arthur Ernest Turley said he was master sinker at Stanford No. 2. In the absence of the manager he had charge of the operations. He was in charge last Sunday. He saw defendant on Sunday night attending the boilers at 6 p.m. At about 7 p.m. defendant came to his house. He was inside at the time. In response to a call by defendant he got up and went to the door. Defendant asked why he had pulled the fire from his boilers on Saturday night. Witness said he had a perfect right to do so from a safety point of view. Defendant said that he had no right to touch his boil-

that he had no right to touch his boilers. Defendant then said he was scabbing on the firemen. Witness told him to go back to the boilers, but he declined and said he had left a man in charge of the boilers. Defendant said that if witness came down with him he would punch his head. He went inside and endeavored to shut the door. Defendant put his foot in the doorway and grabbed him by the vest and shirt threatening and trying to pull him outside. Defendant further said that he would stab him to the heart and drink his blood. He continued to use threatening and dirty filthy language, calling him a German spy and a 1917 scab. He communicated with the police. From defendant's violent temper witness thought that he would do him injury. To Mr. Ward: I did not threaten to report defendant until he came to my house. Defendant came right into my house. I had been working there since January and had no trouble with defendant until that time. I understand that defendant is a man of phenomenal strength. Defendant was at his usual work when the police came.

Patrick Cran deposed that his camp was about 20 feet away from Turley's. He saw defendant at Turley's door on the evening of Sunday last. He heard Stuhrit threaten to kill Turley and drink his blood. He heard him make various other threats. Among other things defendant said to Turley that if

things defendant said to Turley that if he came down the mine he would put him in the boilers. To Mr. Ward: Stuhrit had been a quiet workman until this incident occurred. He had been told that Struhrit was a man of phenomenal strength.

Henry Boeh, sinker, John Rusden, driver, and Sidney Hicks, sinker, supported the evidence of complainant.

Alexander Stuhrit, a fireman employed at Ellalong by the East Greta Company, said that at about half an hour before the alleged trouble Turley requested him to put on the lights. Witness replied there was no steam. Turley then said that there should be steam and light whenever they were required. Turley then threatened to report him. Half an hour later he went to Turley's house to see if he was of the same mind and was going to report him. He explained the reason there was no steam but Turley told him to get out as he was a drunken big brute. When he spoke to complainant he was at one end of the room and Turley at the other. Witness told Turley that he had been scabbing on the firemen and he was likely to cause a strike. He further said that he had drunk blood in Germany and had never been drunk. Turley wanted all Germans at the works. He had no intention to do Turley any physical violence—it was not his principle. He did not catch

Turley by the vest. To Mr. Waller: He did not know Turley was in charge of the whole of the works in the absence of the manager. His trouble was that Turley was putting on all Germans. Mr. Waller: But he is a Brit-

isher! Stuhrit: Well he has a good nest of Germans there now. To Mr. Ward: I served four years at the war.

Constable Hughes said the police had no word of an assault having taken place. To Mr. Waller he said that the impression given the police was that those at the camp were in fear of the man. Replying to Mr. Ward the constable said that Stuhrit did not appear to be a violent man when he went to the works. He was quietly performing his work.

The Bench decided to dismiss the case of assault, it being of such a frivolous nature. In the threatening language case he decided to convict and ordered defendant to be of good behaviour for a period of six months, self in £20 and one surety of £20. Expenses totalling £5/7/ were allowed against defendant.

Mr. G. Ward appeared for the defence and Mr. Waller for the prosecution.
