

TELEGRAMS.

ALLEGED SHOOTING.

INNISFAIL, April 23.

At the Police Court, Lauri Mannerman was charged with unlawfully attempting to strike P. Johnstone, at Banyan, on April 19, with a projectile, namely a bullet, with attempt to maim him.

Constable J. Griffin stated that when Johnstone complained to him, he had two lacerated wounds across his chest, the wounds being fresh, and the shirt and coat worn by Johnstone, had holes in line with his wounds. Witness asked accused if he fired three revolver shots at Johnstone in front of the Banyan tea rooms, and accused replied Johnstone was a friend of his, and he didn't remember doing anything to him, but admitted being very drunk. Witness asked: "Were you in front of the Banyan tea rooms about 6.30 last night." Accused: "Yes I was." Witness: "Did you have a revolver?" Accused: "I don't want to answer that question." Witness: "Have you got a revolver?" Accused: "Yes I have." Witness: "Will you give it to me?" Accused: "I haven't got it now, I gave it to a mate this morning." Witness: "Try and get it for me."

Witness then walked along the verandah ten yards and spoke to a man, returned, and handed Gibson a revolver, and said it was accused's. Witness said Johnstone will be along shortly to see if he can identify you. Accused replied, "It's all right, there is no need for it." Johnstone pointed to accused in the identification room, where other men were and said that is the man. Accused said to Johnstone: "Give it to me."

men were and said that is the man. Accused said to Johnstone, "Could I speak to you a minute?" and Johnstone made no reply. Accused when searched, had only a match box and cigarettes.

A remand was granted, bail allowed self in one surety of £80, or two of £40 each.