

## **NEWCASTLE POLICE COURT.**

**FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 21.**

(Before Mr. C. F. Butler, S.M.)

**Drunkenness.**

For drunkenness, William Mitchell (61), labourer, was fined 10s. or 48 hours.

Sent for Trial.

Konstantin Czarnulla (29) and Anton W. Henrickson (35), seamen, were charged, on remand, with having assaulted Roderick Roderick, and robbed him of a gold chain and gold medal, worth £5. Water-constable Nisbett said that on September 14, he saw Roderick at the corner of Watt and Scott streets. A boy with Roderick said the latter had been robbed. Witness arrested the accused. On the way to the police station, Henrickson said he wanted a drink. Witness took him to the fountain in front of the post-office. As he was bending to drink, the accused took a gold chain and medal out of a pocket and dropped them in the fountain. At the police station Henrickson was searched, and a piece of gold chain, similar to the other, was found on him. Constable Allen gave evidence, and, in reply to the accused, said Roderick did not say he saw them in Scott-street. He did not say who robbed him. George Fawcitt, wharf labourer, living in Newcastle, stated that he saw the accused Henrickson going through Roderick's pockets in Scott-street. Roderick was drunk. Czarnulla seemed to be holding Roderick. Witness went to the police station, and returned with the police. He identified the accused. A boy named Horace Brien, another spectator of the occurrence, confirmed Fawcitt's evidence. He said he saw Henrickson take something out of Roderick's pocket

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and put it into his own. One of the men pushed Roderick into the gutter. Roderick, a miner, said he valued the articles at about £7. He had drinks that day, and recollected nothing after meeting the accused at the Criterion Hotel. The accused Czarnulla said he was not guilty. Both men were committed for trial at the Quarter Sessions, to be held at Newcastle on October 9. Bail was allowed each, self £80, and one surety of that amount.

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