

IN THE POLICE COURT.

THIS MORNING'S CASES.

Mr. G. A. Cameron, Acting P.M., heard the criminal charges in the City Police Court this morning.

22 PAIRS OF SOCKS.

Charged with having had in his possession 22 pairs of socks reasonably suspected of having been stolen John Thomas White (34, laborer) pleaded not guilty.

Sergeant Casey deposed to having arrested the defendant on suspicion. The defendant's explanation of how he came into possession of the articles was unsatisfactory, and he took him into custody. When pressed for information the defendant stated that he got the socks from a man whose name he did not know.

The defendant elected to give evidence on his own defence. He stated that several weeks ago he won £6 10s at the Kedron Park races, and later he obtained 17s as Government relief because he was out of work. He obtained this relief through a union secretary. He did not tell the union secretary that he had had a win at the races. The defendant admitted that he was living with a woman whose lawful husband was a soldier at the front.

Mr. Cameron ordered the defendant to enter into his own recognisance in £10, to come up for judgment when called upon.

A SOLDIER'S JOY RIDE.

The joy ride of Charles Wilson, a returned soldier, was referred to in a case in which Wilson was charged with having unlawfully used a horse and sulky, the property of Owen Gardner and Sons without the owners' consent.

A plea of guilty being entered, Sub-inspector Brosnan stated that yesterday a Mr. Sunners drove up to His Majesty's Hotel, in Queen-street, and while he was inside the defendant jumped into the sulky, and drove away. The matter was reported to the police. Later in the day Constable Murphy caught sight of the defendant dashing along Queen-street, and he gave chase. He succeeded in overhauling the defendant, in whose charge the buggy was damaged to the extent of £2.

Mr. Cameron imposed a fine of £5, or 14 days' imprisonment.

EARLY MORNING PROWLER.

Joseph Starr was found on the premises of Wm. Shaw Hamill, Stanley-

street, early this morning. He was minus his boots and was attempting to force the window open. When the hue and cry was raised and Starr was seized by the police, he failed to give a satisfactory explanation of his nocturnal perambulations, but he pleaded guilty to a charge of being on the premises mentioned with intent to commit a crime.

Sub-inspector Brosnan stated that the defendant had a conviction for stealing against him.

Mr. Cameron imposed a penalty of £10 or six weeks' imprisonment.

NO APPEARANCE OF ACCUSER.

A further remand till April 24 was granted to Edward Gibbs, Reginald James, and Henry Johnson, in the case in which they are charged with having stolen £4 10s with actual violence from John Henry Davis.

Detective Senior-sergeant Donnelly stated that the chief witness, Davis, had not been located, and it was impossible to proceed with the case in his absence. He believed that some of the defendants' friends had been responsible for the disappearance of Davis.

Mr. Crawford, who appeared for Gibbs, said he was anxious that Davis should go into the witness box. He opposed the remand.

Mr. Holzberger, for the defendant Johnson, also opposed a further remand. He said it was a remarkable thing that the person who had set the law in motion did not attend the Court.

Mr. Cameron extended bail.

A MAN NAMED "GINGER."

James Christian Hansen, was presented on a charge that he stole £22 10s, with actual violence from Stephen Loosgie.

Detective Senior-sergeant Donnelly prosecuted.

Detective Oscar Ingram gave evidence of arrest.

Stephen Loosgie, an ex-soldier and shopkeeper at Logan-road, deposed that on Monday evening last (April 7), he and some friends had drinks in an hotel in Stanley-street, South Brisbane. The defendant, who was known as "ginger," asked witness to buy him two bottles of beer, saying he would pay for them on the following morning. Witness bought the liquor and went with the defendant across the street to a vacant allotment. "Ginger" there opened one of the bottles of beer, and offered witness a drink. Witness, after taking a taste, refused to drink, saying he did not like it. He started to leave when "Ginger" pulled him back, and struck him very hard

started to leave when "Ginger" pulled him back, and struck him very hard with what he (witness) thought was the beer bottle. When witness fell "Ginger" rifled his pockets, and stole £21 10s.

Malcolm Goudie, a returned soldier also gave evidence.

The case was adjourned till this afternoon.

ALLEGED EMBEZZLEMENT.

Frank Wm. Dann, a clerk, was charged with having stolen £20 12s, which had come into his possession on behalf of the South Brisbane City Council.

Detective Senior-sergeant Donnelly stated that the prosecution was not prepared to proceed at this stage. He asked for a remand for a week.

Mr. Cameron made an order accordingly.
