

332. And proceeded along the street?—Down Trafalgar Street.

333. Had you left the supper-rooms long before you observed the row—a concourse of people—I am speaking of the supper-room you went into first? You went into a supper-room first and found you could not get anything?—We went into one supper-room and got something, and then went to another, but found we could not get anything.

334. That was just before the row?—Yes.

335. Well, you went into the second supper-room, and what happened there? Did you have supper or not?—No; the place was nearly cleared out, and we thought we would shift to another place.

336. Did I understand you to say that you had had supper before that?—Yes.

337. What was the idea of having two suppers? How long before that had you had a supper?—About half an hour, I expect.

338. Well, you came out of the supper-room, and did you notice a crowd?—Yes; in the middle of the street.

339. Will you tell the Committee what took place?—We went out into the street, and Bannehr might have been a little behind us, and he said, "Hullo, what the hell is wrong here?"

340. Who was this addressed to?—No one in particular.

341. Well?—And Constable Durbridge came out of the crowd, and he said, "What in the hell has that got to do with you, Bannehr? Get home out of this."

342. Well?—Bannehr said, "I am not going home yet."

343. When Constable Durbridge came out of the crowd and said, "What the hell has that got to do with you, Bannehr? Get home out of this," did he shove or push him?—Yes. He went up to Bannehr.

344. Did he touch him?—He might have pushed against him.

345. He went up close to him?—Yes.

346. You think that Durbridge said, "What the hell has that got to do with you, Bannehr? Get home out of this." What took place then?—Bannehr said, "I am not going home yet," and then Durbridge hit him.

347. Do you remember how Bannehr was standing?—No; that I could not say.

348. Do you remember where Bannehr's hands were?—He had a walking-stick in his hand.

349. Do you remember what he was doing with the other hand at all?—No.

350. You do not remember whether it was in his pocket or not?—No.

351. Before Constable Durbridge hit him had Bannehr raised his stick or made any threatening act towards the constable?—No, not that I saw.

352. Were you close to him?—I was.

353. If he had made any threatening act towards Durbridge would you have seen it?—Yes.

354. Do you say that you saw no act either of raising the stick or motion of the hands which would lead Durbridge to suppose that he was about to be attacked?—No.

355. Was the blow a violent one?—Yes, I think so.

356. What effect did it have?—It nearly knocked him over on his hands.

357. He fell sideways?—Yes.

358. Where did the blow strike him?—Under the jaw.

359. The result was that Bannehr was knocked on his hands?—Yes.

360. What took place after that?—Bannehr got up half-way and hit out with his stick at Durbridge.

361. So this is the first time that you saw Bannehr use his stick?—Yes.

362. Do you know whether he hit Durbridge?—I think he did.

363. By the by, what sort of a stick was it: was it a light stick or a heavy stick?—Fairly light, with a crooked handle.

364. The ordinary walking-stick, I suppose?—Yes.

365. He hit out at Durbridge and you think he hit him: what took place then?—Durbridge closed with him and threw him on his back.

366. Where did he collar him?—He got him about as high as round his shoulder and threw him down.

367. Did he fall heavily?—Yes, very heavily.

368. Now, what took place then: who helped Bannehr to get up?—We helped him.

369. Did Durbridge leave him?—He stood by.

370. And you helped him up?—Yes.

371. Did Bannehr seem at all affected by the fall?—Well, he walked a little bit lame.

372. Was he a bit winded?—He lay on the ground a little bit.

373. Did Durbridge make any remark at all, while he was being helped up, to you or to anybody else?—Not that I remember.

374. Where did you go after this?—We went up to Mr. Bannehr's place.

375. Did you go with him?—Yes.

376. Was he able to walk?—Yes.

377. Unassisted?—Yes.

378. Is there any reason to believe that young Bannehr was under the influence of drink at this time?—No.

379. You answer that quite solemnly?—Yes.

380. Do you think that any honest person could have charged him with being intoxicated?—No.

381. You walked up to the house—by the by, where does Mr. Bannehr live?—Just in Bridge Street.