

## The Sheffield Star Monday 25th April 1932

### SIX RAMBLERS REMANDED ON BAIL

Police Version of Kinder Scout Hand-to-Hand Encounter After Call of "Down Them".

### ONE MAN ACCUSED OF HARMING KEEPER

New Mills magistrates were engaged over an hour and a half this morning in the preliminary investigation of charges rising out of the ramblers' demonstration on Kinder Scout yesterday.

John Thomas Anderson, a cotton piecer (21) of Droylsden, was remanded to a special court on May 11th on a charge of doing grievous bodily harm to Edward Beever, a special keeper at Hayfield yesterday.

Anderson was further charged along with Julius Clyne (23); Manchester; Harry Mendel (22); Manchester; Arthur Walter Gillett (19) a student of Banbury Road, Oxford, c/o Dalton Hall, Manchester University; Bernard Rothman (20); Manchester; and David Nussbaum, of Manchester, with unlawful assembly and a breach of the peace. All the defendants were remanded to a special court on these two charges.

It was stated there would be a further charge of violent conduct, but that would not be gone into today. Bail was allowed.

### POLICE VERSION

Police Inspector Clewes said a party of ramblers about 100 strong, on the Kinder road at Hayfield, rushed on to the hillside and were held up by the keepers of the estate.

A leader blew a whistle and said "Spread out".

There was a clash between the keepers and the ramblers. Someone shouted "Come on, down with them".

A hand-to-hand conflict then seemed to ensue over about 20 yards and witness saw the keeper Beever down on the ground.

He saw Anderson with his arm held up as though about to strike. He lost sight of Anderson for a moment and then followed him up the hill with other members of the police force.

Beever was lying on his back, being attended to by some other man.

Witness followed up the hill behind Anderson and the other man.

The other man said they should not have been assaulted. Anderson said he should have kept his hands off.

Witness took Anderson back to Hayfield and later charged him with doing grievous bodily harm. He replied "I am not guilty".

### ALLEGED REPLIES

Anderson was advised by the Clerk not to ask any questions of witness at this point, but he asked the inspector if he saw any ramblers with coats like his.

The inspector said he saw Anderson and Mendle in a crowd of about 100 ramblers and after a short speech near Kinder Bridge there were shouts of: "Come on. Come on with you. All keep together".

He arrested Anderson at 3.30 and Mendle at 5.10. He saw Mendle amongst a party of 150 ramblers who came down from Kinder to Hayfield.

In reply to the charge of unlawful assembly, Anderson said "No" and in reply to the charge of committing a breach of the peace said: "I have nothing to say".

Mendle in reply to the charge of unlawful assembly said: "All I can say is that I went up to the quarry with them".

Detective Sergeant Beaves described how Beaver was knocked down. There were about 20 men around him.

He saw Gillett swinging his arms about and shouted: "Come on. Spread out. Never mind them. On to the top" pointing to Kinder Scout. He heard Clyne say "Down with the bobbies. We are going to the top".

Both were taken back to the lock-up at Hayfield. He heard Gillett say "I thought they would charge us with assault as we were around the keeper. They should not use sticks".