

No Further Action Against Zirzow

Tearing of Document in Witness Box Not to be Followed Up

The act of Arthur Zirzow, the interned German reservist, in attempting to destroy a document bearing his signature while in the witness box at the trial of Emil Nerlich on a charge of high treason in the Criminal Assizes yesterday afternoon, may go unpunished, although the deed was an offence against the Criminal Code, which provides for punishment for malicious destruction of documents. Mr. W. C. Mikel, K.C., Crown Counsel

In the case against Emil Nerlich, intimated to-day that as Zirzow already is a prisoner of war, his latest offence would not be followed by the pressing of a further charge against him.