

HUNGARIAN FINED \$100 FOR SENDING MONEY HOME

The Hungarian, George Poczak of Falls View, who was remanded from last week, charged with assisting the enemy by remitting money to Hungary, was put on trial today in the city hall.

Crown Attorney Cowper prosecuted and Mr. Harry McCoomb of Welland appeared for the defendant.

He was arrested July 14 by Officer Pay of the Ontario police, and Sergt. G. W. Sterne of the armoury, and remanded to Welland the following day.

Today Poczak pleaded guilty. Officer Pay swore to the information.

The line of defence taken by Mr. McCoomb was that the defendant had not known of the proclamation and that he sent the money openly.

He is naturalized and has borne a good character for the whole time he has been in Canada eight years. The prisoner had seen an advertisement in a Hungarian newspaper, published in New York, advising Hungarians to send money home, as the value of money was down, but would increase after the war. He (the prisoner) had sent \$157, which makes 1000 crowns, where formerly 1000 crowns was worth \$215. The prisoner intended leaving the money in the Budapest bank until after the war and going back for it and get married.

He (Mr. McCoomb) asked for a lenient penalty, that the prisoner might not be imprisoned, but fined.

Crown Attorney Cowper read the

Royal proclamation against trading with and assisting the enemy, and pointed out that every dollar sent to enemy countries prolonged the war.

Magistrate Fraser pointed out that it would create a bad precedent to let him off too easily, and that it would be a bad thing to let an impression get abroad that the offence could be repeated with impunity.

The prisoner was fined \$100 and costs, making \$159 in all. The fine was paid.

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