

MAN GETS LIGHT FINE FOR SPEAKING SEDITIONARY WORDS

Accused the German Submarine Commander For Sinking Liner Lusitania

TATMAN NOT GUILTY OF MANSLAUGHTER

Intent to Do Harm to His Wife Is Not Proven By Prosecution

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RED DEER, Alberta, Jan. 27.—In a supreme court here yesterday before Mr. Justice Simmons, Robert J. Tinger, of Delburne, was found guilty and let off on suspended sentence on a charge of having stolen a yearling calf in 1907, the property of Mr. Raymond, Delburne, though the animal has since been returned to its lawful owner.

The first case of sedition was then heard against Theodore Clausen, an old German, resident of Red Deer district for over twenty years. Clausen in June last in the Windsor hotel here, testified before witnesses that "I am in sympathy with Germany. Germany should have the ruling of the sea and I have. Germany did quite right in sinking the Lusitania and it was the people's own fault that they were drowned as they were warned before they left America."

Previous Good Character

Evidence of a strong nature was given against the accused by Private Combe, who heard the conversation with the accused. It was shown that the accused had a previous good character, was an old resident of this district and had been getting his information through the Lincoln Free Press of Nebraska, since prohibited in Canada. He could not read other than German language. The evidence against the accused was the only evidence admitted for the defense and his explanation was that he had been badgered into making these statements, and did not mean the words as seditious statements. The jury after a short adjournment found the accused guilty with a recommendation for leniency. The judge, in addressing the prisoner, took into consideration his age, length of residence here and his previous good record and fined him \$50.00, Red Deer, for the defense; \$25.00, Red Deer, for the crown.

Homesteader Acquitted

Thomas B. Tatman, an American homesteader, living west of Rocky Mountain House, was charged with manslaughter in causing the death of his wife, near the above village, in October last, by leaving her on a purchased place without the necessaries of life. The evidence of the crown showed there was plenty of unprepared food, though no stove was there. The defense showed that Mrs. Tatman agreed to the conditions she was in by her husband during his absence on his place west, that he had no intent to cause any harm and that the deceased was quite able to help herself alive or go to neighbors who lived near. The jury after a short adjournment brought in a verdict of not guilty, and the prisoner was discharged by the judge, Mr. Law, Red Deer, for Tatman; A. H. Russell, Red Deer, for the crown.