

# R. N. W. M. P. Recruited From Scum Of Britain Says German Youth; Fined at Red Deer For Sedition

## F. L. Schacht Said Huns Did Right in Sinking Lusitania; His Explanation Not Taken Seriously—Other Cases On Supreme Court Docket

(Special to The Journal.)

RED DEER, Alberta, Jan. 29.—The opening case of the court Friday and one which consumed the entire morning, was one against George Stanton Holme of Innisfail, charged by the crown with subornation of perjury in that he the defendant had in connection with a trial of himself at Innisfail in May last charged with practising as a veterinary surgeon without a license he had secured two farmers, viz. E. F. Tunink and Archie Davidson, living near Innisfail and for whom he had done veterinary work, to commit perjury on his trial. This took the form of receipts and statements made by the accused and the two witnesses purporting to have been given earlier whereas they were made the day of the trial.

### Both Plead Guilty

Both of these men pleaded guilty to perjury in connection with these dates and gave evidence for the crown. No evidence was offered by the defense, who was represented by W. E. Payne, of Red Deer, and who spoke strongly against accepting the evidence of these two men as fact owing to their own admission that they had pleaded guilty at this court. With the understanding that their sentence might be lighter they have not yet been sentenced.

The jury retired and after two hours' deliberation returned stating that they had been unable to arrive at a verdict and were dismissed. The case will be retried next week.

### Wants Reserve Case For Reid.

At this stage, Mr. Jones of Lacombe, made application for a reserve case in regard to John Reid's trial for sedition

Thursday, but his honor was not satisfied and refused the application. It is probable an appeal will be made.

The fourth and last case of sedition to come up at this sitting occupied the entire afternoon and F. L. Schacht, a young farmer, American born of German descent, of large stature and a resident in the Evergreen district, west of this city, was found guilty by a jury after a short retirement and sentenced by his lordship to pay a fine of \$50 or serve three months in jail.

### Strong Remarks on Lusitania

The accused, who lives in a strong German settlement, had made statements as charged of very strong nature to his neighbors and the people living with him of a most seditious nature re the sinking of the Lusitania, saying the Germans did right in this. That the Royal North West Mounted police were recruited from the scum of Great Britain. That he would like to see Great Britain beaten and she will be, and many other seditious words. Witnesses for the crown bore out these remarks, while one witness swore that Schacht had said in his hearing in reference to the Lusitania that it was damned good for them and they should keep to hell out of the way soon.

### Refutes Statement

For the defense the prisoner and one witness absolutely refuted the statement of the crown witnesses, and the accused had a most expert way of explaining each of the statements charged to endeavor to show that the witnesses against him had misconstrued his statements to mean other than what he said or wished to convey.

The defense also endeavored to make the accused the wronged member in a country school quarrel which ran through the evidence, and that the case was simply one of spite. This impression failed to carry as the jury's verdict would infer. In charging the prisoner his lordship informed him that though he had come from a neutral nation he was receiving the benefit under British rule and he should keep his mouth shut, and not voice utterings against Britain even if his sympathies were not with us. R. B. Law, of Red Deer, appeared for the defense and A. H. Russell for the crown.