

# PLEADS GUILTY TO THE CHARGE

**William Phillips Unlawfully Aided German  
Prisoner to Escape.**

## REMANDED FOR ONE WEEK

**BEFORE MAGISTRATE FARRELL  
IMPOSES SENTENCE.**

**Phillips Hobbled Into Court on  
Crutch—Suffering From Effect of  
a Stroke of Paralysis—He Had No  
Explanation to Make.**

Hobbling into the Police Court room on crutches, William Phillips, river pilot, on Thursday morning, before Magistrate Farrell, pleaded guilty to the serious charge of having on October 30th unlawfully aided a German prisoner, Henry Muller, in escaping from Canada. He was remanded for a week for sentence.

Phillips, who was placed under arrest on Tuesday afternoon, is suffering from the effect of a stroke of paralysis and presented a pitiful sight in the court room. It was all he could do to make his way from the cells to the prisoners' dock.

When arraigned on the charge he said: "Guilty, sir," in a clear voice, but had nothing further to say.

Lieut. James Graham, provost marshal, who is handling the case, and who made the arrest, with the assistance of Constable Earl Jenkins, asked that the accused be remanded to jail for eight days. The Magistrate stated that he would remand the prisoner for a week.

Phillips and Muller were patients at the General Hospital. On Monday afternoon they took "French leave" from that institution. Phillips, who knows the river well from his long experience as a pilot, secured a skiff at a local livery, and set out to take Muller over to Cape Vincent, but owing to a big storm that came up, they were unable to continue their journey, and were compelled to stay on Wolfe Island over night, and also the next morning. The military and police authorities got wind of the "frame-up," and Lieut. Graham and Constable Jenkins went to the island and succeeded in rounding up the much-wanted men. Muller and Phillips were brought back to the city and lodged in the police cells, and later on Muller was taken back to Fort Henry.