

# USED VILE NAMES ABOUT OFFICERS AT MILITIA CAMP

**Petawawa German Admits Using  
Bad Language to Officer  
When Enraged.**

**DENIES PROFESSED  
CHARGE OF SEDITION**

**Woman Witnesses Declare He  
Made Vile and Seditious  
Statements.**

**By a Staff Reporter.**

PEMBROKE, Ont., Dec. 5.—Fredrick Mohns, Petawawa, charged with making seditious utterances, denied all charges professed against him when on the stand this morning. Two witnesses swore that Mohns had used "strong" language when speaking of English officers.

"I called the officer who refused to give me a permit to sell soft drinks at Petawawa a dirty son of a gun or something like that," was Mohns' sworn statement.

Pressed by R. G. Pringle, K.C., Ottawa, acting Crown prosecutor, the accused said he could not swear as to what language he had used. Witness said he was 59 years of age and was of German origin. He did not know where he was born, but has been living at Petawawa village for years, almost all his life. Mohns has six sons and one daughter. To Mr. Pringle he admitted being "huffed" because of the order from the military camp cutting off his soft drinks to the soldiers.

There was no other evidence for the defence.

The Crown had only two witnesses, both being women who were living at Mohns' home. Mrs. Thomas Roberts, Kingston, Ontario, wife of a soldier, Gunner Roberts, wounded in France, and Miss Lulu McKay, school teacher, swore that Fred Mohns had used vile language in speaking about English officers at Petawawa Camp. Mrs. Roberts said the prisoner had expressed the hope that the Germans would go through and smash them. (the English.) The prisoner had stated if his son was not released from Petawawa "We will go up to the bridge and spill blood."

As an afterthought, prisoner referred to conscription, according to Mrs. Roberts, and said: "As for conscription, we won't go to fight, and if we have got to fight we will fight here. We might as well get shot here as in France."

Mrs. Roberts said the prisoner had been angry because the authorities at Petawawa Camp had refused to give him a permit to sell soft drinks in the camp until such time as he had made alterations to his plant and because his son's pass to go into the camp had been cut off.

"I heard him say those — — English — — have done this," said Mrs. Roberts. "We will have to show them English people are the dirtiest and most lazy people in the world."

Before lunch the jury retired to consider a verdict. Gordon Williams, Pembroke, is appearing for Mohns.