

FINED FOR SEDITION

\$1,700 Levy on Publishers of Paper in London—Attacks on Recruiting.

Two men were charged at Bow street, London, with attempting to cause ~~sedition~~: Leo A. Garner and George Sanders.

The alleged seditious statements were contained in articles written by Garner, which appeared in the Licensed Vehicles Trade Record, of which Sanders is editor, and the Twentieth Century Press, the printers. The articles were entitled, "Who is to Blame?" and "Oh! State, Thou Art a bestial King!"

The journal in which the articles appeared was said to be devoted to the interests of the cab, bus, tram, and commercial industries; but Sir Archibald Bodkin, who prosecuted, said it was difficult to understand from the contents of either what they had to do with these trades. The first article not only attacked labor leaders, but it was meant to appeal to men in the direction of not wholeheartedly supporting their country, and expressly in connection with recruiting. It was obvious that the article was an attack upon labor leaders for having taken the patriotic attitude of assisting their country.

Another mischievous suggestion in the article was that the country was not fighting in an honorable cause, but that the war was the outcome of capitalistic manoeuvres; that financiers were running the show, and that when the wounded men returned they glossed over their work, and, therefore, labor was appealed to not to support the country or its military interests.

Sanders was fined £200 and 20 guineas costs; Garner £100 and 15 guineas costs; and the Twentieth Century Press £20 and 10 guineas costs.