

# BRIDGEBURG BULGARIAN IN QUEER PREDICAMENT

**WANTED TO SERVE, PUT OUT OF  
ARMY—DIDN'T REPORT, NOT  
KNOWING HE HAD TO.**

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Niagara Falls, Ont., March 25.—An unusual case came up in the Police Court this afternoon when Toin Dimitroff, a Bulgarian, employed at Bridgeburg, was accused by Inspector Tolmje, of the Dominion Police, of being a defaulter under the Military Service Act.

Evidence showed that Dimitroff had registered under the Military Service Act when, being an alien enemy, he was not required to do so. His offense to-day was he had neglected to report for examination last October, for the simple reason he had not received a letter, the letter being returned to the military authorities undelivered. Evidence to-day showed that Dimitroff in 1915 went from Kitchener to Guelph to enlist in the 34th Battalion, but when the discovery was made that they were Bulgarians he and half a dozen others were put out of the army.

"It would be an outrage to fine this man \$25, the lowest penalty I can impose," said Magistrate Fraser, "when he was put out of the army when he wanted to serve, and now they want him punished because he didn't come back into the army, particularly when he didn't know they wanted him back, as he didn't get the letter. I will bring this matter to the attention of the department, and the case will be enlarged till Wednesday next week."

Dimitroff was in despair at having to come back again and lose another day and a half, as he said they had told him in the Michigan Central yards at Bridgeburg that he would likely lose his job. Dimitroff's cards and papers, shown in court to-day, proved that he had complied with the law by getting permission every time he left an address. He had set in Toronto and Montreal previously.