

BOY TAKEN FROM FOSTER PARENTS

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FAMILY TIE MUST BREAK WHEN ELDERS DEPORTED

Judge Cannot Permit Lad to Suf-
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Germany.

A case in which international considerations tore apart engrafted family ties was decided this morning, when Mr. Justice Murphy decided that twelve-year-old Ebbie Anson be taken from his foster parents and restored to the Children's Aid Society of Winnipeg. The boy appeared with his foster parents in court, a bright looking lad neatly dressed in a sailor suit, the father and mother presenting also a respectable and intelligent appearance.

Mr. H. S. Wood, who made the application for the boy's return to the Children's Aid Society, said he had been adopted in 1915 by Mr. and Mrs. Carger who, as German citizens, had been interned during the war and had of late been living with the boy in the internment camp at Vernon. Their deportation had been ordered and it was because the Children's Aid Society did not wish the boy sent over the Rhine to be reared as a German that they were making the application. He said that when the boy was adopted his father was

-serving a three year's term in the penitentiary and his mother had taken to drink.

Mr. Max Grossman, who opposed the application, read statements by the Cargers showing that when they adopted the boy he showed strong criminal tendencies, would steal, damage property and torture animals. Carger was a school teacher who had qualified and taught in different places in Manitoba, and he had succeeded in reforming the boy, had taught him to write and speak both in English and German and taught him Latin and music, so that he was becoming a proficient musician. They were deeply attached to the boy and wished to take him with them. He had a younger brother still in the Children's Home, and they would adopt and care for him also if the court would permit it. The boy could not have been better cared for.

Mr. Justice Murphy agreed that if the foster parents were remaining in the country he would not think of taking the boy away from them, but they were going to be deported, and looking solely to the boy's welfare and the conditions of Germany under the peace treaty, he thought it better for him in every way that he should remain in his native country and grow up as a Canadian citizen. He authorized the parents, however, to retain the child until they left the city, when he will be given temporarily in charge of the local Children's Aid Society.