

STEAMSHIP CLERK IS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Preliminary Examination Was Waived in Charge of High Treason.

Magistrate Denison committed James J. Rowens for trial on a charge of high treason this morning. The penalty for the offence may be death, under Section 74 of the Criminal Code. Rowens, who cannot be admitted to bail under the charge, will come up before a jury at the next Assizes.

Crown Attorney Corley stated that he had shown the evidence against Rowens to Herbert Lennox, K.C., who is acting for Rowens, and that Mr. Lennox would waive preliminary examination. The men, alleged to be ~~Austrian reservists~~, and whom Rowens is alleged to have attempted to transport into the United States as Roumanians, will be held by the authorities and used as witnesses at the trial of the steamship clerk.

Six months and indefinitely in the Central, with twenty lashes was the sentence meted out to John Thelwell, a middle-aged Englishman, for inflicting a brutal assault on Mrs. Rubina Silk, of 9 Fenning avenue, his landlady. Thelwell came home drunk and first attacked Mrs. Silk's son, knocking him out. Then he attacked Mrs. Silk. Just then the Silk's little fox terrier, which was playing out in the yard with two other dogs, one a husky Irish terrier, entered the house attracted by the noise of the fight. The little fox terrier leaped at Thelwell, who was choking Mrs. Silk, and what the husky Irish terrier did to Thelwell's trousers and arms probably saved Mrs. Silk from graver injuries. Thelwell showed the torn pants and injured limbs in court, but they only drew praise for the intelligent dogs.

Thelwell will get 10 lashes at the end of two months and 10 at the end of four.