

MRS. NERLICH FOUND NOT GUILTY ON JOINT CONSPIRACY CHARGE

Defendant Accused Jointly
With Husband of Assisting
German Officer

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TORONTO, Feb. 24.—Mrs. Nerlich, charged jointly with her husband, Emil Nerlich, with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence in assistance alleged to have been given a German officer, Zirzow, to leave Canada, and other acts unlawful under the state of war, was acquitted yesterday afternoon by instruction of Chief Justice Sir William Mulock. Sir William stated there was not sufficient evidence against Mrs. Nerlich to send the case to the jury and instructed for a verdict of acquittal. The evidence against her, he said, showed that she sympathized with the enemy. This was not an indictable offence. Statements in three letters from Germany were disallowed as evidence, the crown not having laid a sufficiently stable foundation to warrant their use. A stated case on this point was, however, granted. The case against Emil Nerlich is proceeding.