

# EMIL NERLICH FOUND GUILTY

## Convicted of Aiding German to Get Back to Fight in Europe.

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TORONTO, Feb. 24—Another deliberation lasting an hour and a half this afternoon, the jury in the criminal assize brought in a verdict of guilty against Emil Nerlich, a well-known Toronto merchant, charged with conspiracy to commit an indictable offence, namely, assisting an alien enemy to leave Canada. The case will be carried to the court of appeals and pending the decision of the higher court, Chief Justice, Sir William Mulock suspended sentence. The accused was liberated on \$100,000 bail, to appear for judgment when called on.

When instructing the jury Sir William informed them there was no evidence in the two counts in the indictment charging trading with the enemy and giving information to the enemy. On the other charge, that of assisting an alien enemy to leave the country, the jury must decide whether Nerlich knew, when he gave Zirzow \$10, that the German officer intended to go back to Germany and join the army. His lordship emphasized the fact that Nerlich had not paid the money direct to Zirzow, and that evidence had been given of Nerlich's declaration that he had to be careful because he was a Canadian. The jury cautioned not to be prejudiced because of the state of war between Great Britain and Germany.

Mr. Du Vernet speaking for the crown, said: "Has it not been proved, that Nerlich was paying a German soldier at the front with good British money, got in Canada from the Canadians? Is that not aiding the enemy? Every bit of evidence," concluded Mr. Du Vernet, "proves treachery, black treachery, against this country. That evidence has been unchallenged."