

## A GERMAN'S OATH.

The Toronto Police Court furnished an excellent example, the other day, of German Treitschkeism carried toward its logical conclusions. A German army officer, suspected of perjury in connection with some evidence he had given before the Magistrate, explained that while the evidence in question might have been false—in fact, was false—he did not feel himself bound to the narrower conventions of strict veracity as he had not taken the German oath.

To carry this gentleman's line of reasoning one step further: is there any consideration of ordinary truth or decency which may bind the German private citizen? If Kaiser and Imperial Chancellor may lie and cheat "for reasons of state," if the German officer may perjure himself under oath to save his skin, is there any reason why a German merchant should not lie and cheat to save his dollars? All he need do is convince his conscience that his welfare is the welfare of the Fatherland, and Treitschkeism will do the rest.