

WINDSOR DYNAMITER WAS FOUND GUILTY

Imprisonment for Life is Maximum Penalty for Offence

LEFFLER'S CONFESSION

Albert Kaltschmidt, of Detroit, Was Instigator of the Outrage

Windsor, Ont., July 29.—William Leffler, arrested in connection with the attempt to destroy buildings in Windsor and Walkerville, has been found guilty at Sandwich before County Court Judge J. O. Dromgole, on two charges, either of which involves life imprisonment as the maximum penalty.

The counts on which Leffler was found guilty were, dynamiting the Peabody plant at Walkerville and conspiring with Albert Kaltschmidt of Detroit and "one Schmidt" to destroy with dynamite other buildings in Windsor and Walkerville. A third charge, that of having dynamite in his possession was quashed. Sentence was reserved by the judge until Friday morning.

The court was crowded during the day by an intensely interested audience. Among them were many people from Detroit.

Fourteen witnesses were examined of whom a number, including Leffler's wife, testified to his good habits and general correctness of life.

The most interesting feature of the day's proceedings was the reading of the confession made by Leffler to Provincial Officer James P. Smith on the night of his arrest. The document recites the circumstances of Leffler's interviews with Albert Kaltschmidt of Detroit. Kaltschmidt had promised to give him \$200 for doing "a little job he wanted me to help him out in," the confession says. Of that sum only \$25 had been paid.

Leffler is then credited with saying that he had dealings with no other person besides Kaltschmidt and Schmidt in connection with the dynamiting; that he heard the explosion as he was going from work the next morning, and that he saw the flash; that Schmidt, asked by Leffler at a later meeting what he had done with the other suit case, said he had put it in the Armory and could not understand why it did not go off, and finally that he had bought the two suit cases at the direction of Kaltschmidt.

Mrs. Leffler, called to the witness stand immediately after the confession was read, offered testimony which afforded surprises. She declared that Kaltschmidt called at her home the day after the dynamiting, explaining that her husband was in a "peculiar predicament," but assuring her that everything would be all right.

"Mr. Kaltschmidt," testified Mrs. Leffler, "promised that he would do everything in his power to help my husband when the time came. However, the Monday after the arrest I talked with him over the telephone. He said:

"I am going to get that man."

"What man?" I asked. "Leffler," he replied.

This conversation is alleged to have taken place after the Leffler confession had been rumored.

The counsel for the defense, Mr. T. W. Morton, may ask for a reserve case.