

# THE NERLICH CASE BEING TRIED IN TORONTO

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Toronto, Feb. 22.—Chief Justice Sir William Mulock, in the criminal assize court to-day, decided that "conspiring to trade and give information to the enemy" did not come under the list of treasonable offences, and the conspiracy charge against Emil Nerlich, wealthy toy dealer, and his wife, Hedwig, was reduced to that of "conspiring to commit an indictable offence."

This ruling does not affect the charge of treason against Mr. Nerlich and upon which he will be tried as soon as the conspiracy charge is finished. The charge now faced by the accused is punishable by imprisonment from one day to seven years. The trial is proceeding in a crowded court room, the social prominence of the accused making it of great interest.