

LOCAL GERMAN HAS TOO MUCH KULTUR; JAILED

Alfred Rocholl, alias George Kessler, a German, was charged before J. Harris, J.P., at the R.N.W.M.P. barracks, this morning, with being a disorderly person and using insulting language in or near a public place. He pleaded not guilty.

The evidence of Inspector Hembling of the C.P.R. police; S. B. Mitchell, ticket agent of the C.P.R., and Wm. Mason, baggage agent, showed that accused visited the railway, and on presentation of a pass signed by the provincial gaol authorities, attempted to get a ticket for Coult's. He was advised by the witnesses to get permission to cross the line from the superintendent of the Mounted Police. He then grew disorderly, made use of obscene language towards the Mounted Police, and was taken into custody on the above charge.

Too Well Educated

He called no witnesses in defence, but gave evidence on his own behalf, as follows: "I did not use the language the witnesses state I did. I have too much education to use such language." In reply to Sergt. Coleridge, R.N.W.M.P., he admitted serving two sentences of nine months and six months for false pretences, and further admitted that on the day of his release from gaol he presented a cheque for small purchases for \$20.00 at the Elite Cigar store, and at the Lethbridge Saddlery store, and expected to get the change, although he admitted he had no banking account either in Lethbridge or elsewhere.

In sentencing him, the magistrate told him that the fact that he was a German did not influence him; but he was reminded that he deliberately walked out of gaol and proved himself a vagrant by attempting to repeat the offences that he had served time for, and although the C.P.R. officials were courteous to him, in advising him to apply for advice to the proper authorities, his reply was a torrent of abuse and obscene language in a public place. The sentence would be six months hard labor in the guard room at the R.N.W.M.P. barracks at Lethbridge.