

NO PROGRESS AT ALIEN INQUIRY

Four Accused Refuse to Answer Questions—Bail Again Re- fused by Magistrate Noble.

WINNIPEG, Man., July 17.—The progress of the immigration board of inquiry was temporarily halted yesterday owing to the fact that the four aliens before the board persisted in their stand of answering no questions on the advice of their counsel. During the morning, the case of Oscar Shoppelrei was blocked, and the Blumenberg case was adjourned.

Solomon Almazoff and Michael Charitonoff appeared before the board in the afternoon and, as they would answer no question, very little progress was made in the examination. Almazoff stated that he was born in the Prussia Ukraine, 30 years ago, and came from Russia to Canada about 1913. He is single and was a student in the university and a book-keeper. His father, who is a citizen of Canada, also lives here.

"Did you have an office in the Labor Temple?" was one of the questions put by A. J. Andrews, K. C., government prosecutor.

"I object," Marcus Hyman, one of the defence lawyers, said, declaring that the accused should not be asked to disclose any information that might have a bearing on his trial on the charges against him in the civil courts.

"Were you present at a meeting held in the Walder theatre on Dec. 22, 1918?" asked Mr. Andrews.

"I will not answer, on the advice of my counsel."

No further questions were put, as the accused refused to answer.

Evidence was given by Innis Taylor of the R.N.W.M.P., and others with regard to the arrest of Almazoff and the search made in his home. Literature which was seized in the search was identified by witnesses and placed on exhibition.

Charitonoff stated that he had been in Canada five years and five months. He is a Jew and was born in Russia 27 years ago. On his arrival from Russia, Charitonoff spent a few days in New York and then went to Philadelphia. For about six weeks he worked in a factory in that city and then came to Canada. He was detained at Emerson because he had not enough money to comply with the regulations, but was extricated from his difficulties by a friend in Winnipeg, who had previously sent him the money for his passage. He said he had worked in the Canadian Pacific railway freight sheds for three years until he left last October.

"What have you done since?" Mr. Andrews asked.

Mr. Hyman objected to this question, but finally consented to Charitonoff answering it.

"I had no occupation," he said.

It was suggested that he had been editor of a paper.

"There was no paper. I got a permit, but could not publish." The paper referred to was to be called "The New Age."

"Were you editor of a paper before?"

Charitonoff answered that he had been publishing a paper for several months prior to the time he had left the Canadian Pacific Railway. It was called "The Working People."

"Why did you leave the Canadian Pacific Railway?"

"I was laid off."

"What became of 'The Working People?' he was asked.

Mr. Hyman objected and the usual questions were taken as having been asked, as in the meantime the accused refused to answer.

Documents found in the search of Charitonoff's home were identified and filed.

Magistrate R. M. Noble again refused to grant counsel the right to cross-examine Sam Blumenberg. Bail was refused in all four cases.