

# AUSTRIANS TELL OF HIRING SAYERS TO TAKE THEM ACROSS

## Charge of Treason Was Re- sumed in the Police Court Today.

The investigation into the case of Robert Sayers, charged with treason in assisting Austrians out of the country, continued all morning before Magistrate Elliott, with Crown Attorney Martin, Lt.-Col. S. L. Penhorwood and Mr. J. A. McPhail prosecuting. Mr. Uriah McFadden appeared for Sayers.

In his statement Sayers had admitted assisting Austrians across the river, two of these being taken across about three weeks ago. Two Austrians, Pete Boric and George Lopic, who had been taken across the river three weeks ago, were examined.

Boric told of going down to some street in the east end in the afternoon and seeing a boat there. He said that he decided to come down in the evening and make an attempt to get the owner to take him across, as he had a wife and family in the States, whom he wanted to reach. He met Lopic, he said, in the afternoon, and learning he was an Austrian offered to take him as well. They went down to the boat in the evening and found the owner on the road with the oars over his shoulder, and he agreed to ferry them across for \$7.

Lopic, who had just come from Porcupine, told of meeting Boric in the afternoon and of the offer made to take him over the river. According to his story Boric appeared to have all the arrangements made.

Both told of going to a Polish saloon near the Michigan Soo station and later to a boarding house.

Lopic said that they were taken eighteen miles out of the Michigan Soo in an automobile. Boric, he said, had told him the car was coming for them. Boric told him, he said, that if he went to the Michigan Soo station to get a ticket to Ironwood, he would be taken in charge by the police and returned to the Canadian side.