

PROTESTS PAPERS TO ALIEN ENEMIES

Grounds of General Policy Urged Against Naturaliza- tion of Prof. Mueller

DECISION NEXT WEDNESDAY

Mr. Gray Says He Acts With Others as a Mere Private Citizen

The application of Professor Mueller for Canadian citizenship was contested on general grounds in the Court of General Sessions before His Honor Judge Coatsworth to-day. He will give his decision on Wednesday at 10.30 a.m.

Mr. A. R. Hassard, who protested against Professor Mueller, is retained by Mr. A. A. Gray, who is an official in the Orange Lodge and who stated that there were half a dozen others acting with him though he declined to tell their names, referring The Daily News to Mr. Hassard, who stated that as far as he knew Mr. Gray was the only one retaining him.

He denied any connection in this case with the Orange Lodge, while Mr. Gray protested that he was acting merely as a private British citizen. He was one of the delegation that waited on the Premier recently to protest against naturalization of alien enemies during war time.

No Specific Charges.

Though previous protests have been made against applications for naturalization of certain aliens on grounds of identification or residence, none such have been made for several years. This is the first time that application has been contested on general grounds. No specific charges were made against Professor Mueller.

Asked by Mr. Hassard if he desired the triumph of the British cause in the present war, Professor Mueller hesitated. He felt that the question was not a fair one, he said, and declined to answer.

When his Honor pointed out that the question was a crucial one, he answered, "Yea."

Promise to President.

He had promised the President of the University not to discuss the war, he admitted under examination.

His Honor said that he fully appreciated the point made by Mr. Hassard that, given naturalization, Germans or Austrians were free to leave this country at will. On the other hand he said citizenship threw a greater responsibility on these people, placing them within the scope of charges of treason for disloyal utterances.

Mr. Hassard submitted that Professor Mueller's application should be held over under the judge's discretion till the end of the war. He intimated that he would apply the same rule to all other subjects of hostile nations.

Professor Mueller has been in this country for 21 years.

Many Applications.

There are over 700 other applications now before his Honor who has made it a rule that aliens must give satisfactory answers to the Registrar of Alien Enemies before naturalization can be granted.

Professor Bensinger has not yet registered at the office of the Registrar of Alien Enemies.