

# BAIL FIXED AT \$100,000: NERLICH GOES TO TRIAL

## Arthur Zirzow, Former German Lieutenant, Tells of Negotiations With the Accused—Wanted Money to Get Out of Canada

Emil Nerlich, the prominent German-Canadian merchant of this city, was committed for trial in the Police Court yesterday on a charge of treason. Bail of \$100,000 was later granted by Mr. Justice Middleton at Osgoode Hall. Nerlich was committed to the Assizes on the testimony of Arthur Zirzow, former Lieutenant in the German army, whose exit from the country Nerlich is charged with aiding and abetting.

In the witness box Zirzow said he had been an officer in the German army. He later admitted that he had kept this fact from Judge Coatsworth, Registrar of **Alien Enemies**. He had first met Nerlich at his (Nerlich's) office in Front street. He subsequently visited Nerlich at the latter's house, although Nerlich had said something to him about the "police" and "getting into trouble." Here Zirzow explained to the Nerlichs that he wanted to go back to Germany and fight, but that he had no money. He had received a letter from his sister in Germany telling him that she had no money to send to him.

"What did Nerlich say?" asked the Crown Attorney.

"He told me he would not do anything for me, that he would not help me on the ground that he (Nerlich) was a Canadian citizen."

Witness then explained that he had another conversation with the prisoner on January 12, when he asked him for some money to "pay his debts," adding that Henry Peters had given him \$20. He said Nerlich gave him \$8 through a waiter at the Kraussman Hotel. He used this to pay his debts. The witness further said he had obtained his exeat from the Judge on the ground that he desired to go to New York to obtain employment.

The question of bail being brought up, Magistrate Denison pointed out that it was not in the power of the court to grant bail on a charge of treason. It was subsequently obtained, however, from Mr. Justice Middleton. The large security was divided between Nerlich himself (\$50,000), his brother (\$40,000) and \$10,000 from a third person. The case will likely be brought up at the present sitting of the Criminal Assizes.