

EMIL NERLICH NEARLY SPENT NIGHT IN JAIL

Secured \$100,000 Bail—Close
Race to Settle It Be-
fore 7 P.M.

Probably the only time that bail was ever granted on a charge of high treason in the history of Canadian courts was yesterday, when Emil Nerlich, the Toronto wholesaler, was released from jail on \$100,000 bail. Incidentally it is about the largest bail that has ever been furnished for a prisoner in Toronto. The bonds accepted were Emil Nerlich, \$50,000; Henry Nerlich, \$40,000, and Hugh Blain, \$10,000. It was due to the prompt action on the part of Mr. Nerlich's counsel that the merchant was able to leave the jail last night. The order for bail was granted by Judge Middleton at 6.10 yesterday evening, and in less than 50 minutes Mr. Nerlich's counsel were at the jail with the bail bonds, and the party left the institution shortly after 7 o'clock in the automobile which brought the attorneys to the jail. If Mr. Nerlich's counsel had failed to reach the jail before 7 o'clock, their client would have had to remain another night, as no prisoners are released on bail or given their freedom after that hour.

Mr. H. S. White and Mr. G. W. Mason, counsel for Nerlich, declared that the case against their client was of the flimsiest kind, and claimed that the only thing shown was that Nerlich had given \$10 to help pay the debts of a German whose exeat had been granted by the proper official.

Acting for the Attorney-General, Mr. G. Bayley, K.V., did not consent to bail being granted, but said that if it were it should be placed at \$100,000.

The case will come before the Assizes next week, at which Chief Justice Mulock will preside.