

SOLDIERS ON GUARD AT TRIAL OF MAZUR

One Witness Declared Mazur Was the Leader of Party.

When the trial of Paul Mazur for high treason was resumed in the Assizes yesterday afternoon before Chief Justice Sir William Mulock and a jury, Joseph Vermonchuk, an interred alien, one of the three whom the prisoner is accused of aiding to flee the country, was ushered into the witness-stand by an armed trooper of the Royal Canadian Dragoons.

Vermonchuk admitted that he was an Austrian, but denied that he had ever served in the Austrian army. He admitted also that Mazur acted as interpreter when the Port Hope police investigated his case immediately on the outbreak of war. He had drilled at Port Hope with a lot of Austrians, Russians, and Englishmen, but could not tell what regiment he had joined. He, with Mazur and another man, had come to Toronto by a freight train, and from Toronto, picking up another man, had gone to Bridgeburg, alternately paying and "beating" their way.

Mazur, he admitted, was the leader of the party. Mazur did all the ticket-buying, and it was Mazur who explained to them their method of traveling. They knew that the Dominion police were watching passenger trains for aliens. It was also Mazur who at the ferry-landing at Bridgeburg told the party to tell the immigration officer that they were Russians.

Vermonchuk denied that Mazur had been paid for "acting as leader," a statement contained in what purports to be a confession of the witness to this effect held by the police.

Examined by W. K. Murphy, Jr., counsel for Mazur, Vermonchuk said that he had left Port Hope because there was no work to be obtained there. He had intended to go to his sister, in Worcester, Mass.

"John Cooper," another of the party, was also examined.