

ADMITS UTTERING SEDITIONS WORDS; GERMAN CONVICTED

**Henry Holinger Released On
Suspended Sentence By
Justice Hyndman**

**PREVIOUS RECORD
FAVORS ACCUSED**

**Fifteen Years Residence In
Canada Also Taken Into
Account by His Lordship**

The unexpected happened this morning in the supreme criminal court when Henry Holinger alias Lahola pleaded guilty before the Hon. Mr. Justice Hyndman of uttering seditious words on August 15.

The words used by the prisoner were as follows:

"Germany is going to win this war. They will take Warsaw and Great Britain, too, and I hope to God she does. Great Britain, their old fool of a king, should have had his soldiers fighting on their own soil and not fighting in France. They have no right there. They are cowards. The Germans will be here and you had better speak German. The whole world is going to be ruled by the German emperor. He is a correct ruler and King George compared with him is not worth anything. They are all slaves here. The people are suffering. The government is no good. It is rotten. The Germans will be here and a lot of you who are sticking up for Great Britain will be sorry when the war is over."

Pleads for Leniency

J. A. McCaffery, representing the prisoner, made a plea for leniency, his principal grounds being that his client had been drinking and all the parties in the bar of the hotel where the offense was committed were more or less under the influence of drink. Holinger had been in the country fifteen years, becoming naturalized some ten years ago. He did not weigh what he was saying and he had no idea of the seriousness of the crime. He would ask that his lordship should allow him to go on suspended sentence.

The learned judge in addressing the prisoner said that the language he had used was not of the kind one would expect to hear from a British subject and it was of a most serious nature. He was perfectly sure that had the same thing happened in Germany, and an Englishman had been guilty of voicing such sentiments, he would not have lived long afterwards; it would not have been long before he was shot. Language of such a character could not be tolerated for a moment and foreigners must realize that fact, also that they were living under the British flag. The British Empire was engaged in a serious war and while the nation had a man left they were going to fight to the end. Here in Canada they were doing their best to raise troops and such language as the prisoner had used was not likely to be helpful; such an appeal might hinder recruiting. He could quite understand that Germans and Austrians might have certain feelings for their own country, yet they would have to learn to repress them if they were living under the British flag.

Warns Germans and Austrians

His lordship continued by uttering a warning to other Germans or Austrians. If any similar case came before a jury and the offenders were convicted, they would be given the full penalty. Canada was no place for such people and they could not be tolerated here. The crown prosecutor had made certain representations to him as to there being certain features in the case. He was going to consider these and he would pronounce sentence at 2 o'clock.

Released on Suspended Sentence

At the afternoon session his lordship said he proposed to deal with the accused a little different than he would in an ordinary case of this character, taking into consideration the fact that Holinger had lived here fifteen years, and that he was probably intoxicated when he uttered the words which he had admitted uttering. His lordship said he had made inquiry into the character of the accused and nothing of a derogatory nature had been revealed.

The accused was then released on suspended sentence after his lordship had delivered a solemn warning against further indiscretions of this nature, saying that any more offenses of this kind would result in dire consequences.