

# JUMPED ON FERRY AFTER IT STARTED

Charge of Aiding Alien Enemy  
to Leave Coun-  
try

## GERMAN GAVE EVIDENCE

Macedonians and Canadian  
Are All Committed for  
Trial

Two Macedonians—Mike Stoney and Steve Stoney—stood in the dock, and William H. Irvine stood at the prisoners' rail outside of the dock to answer for a serious charge, that of attempting to aid an alien enemy to cross the border without the consent of the immigration authorities. Mr. T. C. Robinette, K.C., appeared for Irvine, who pleaded not guilty and elected to be tried by a jury. Mike Stoney and Steve Stoney were represented by Mr. C. E. McDonald. They also pleaded not guilty, and as Irvine elected to be tried by a jury, the Magistrate stated that the same election would have to be accepted in the case of the other two accused.

Fritz Rheinhardt was the first to give evidence. Questioned by Assistant Crown Attorney Hughes, Rheinhardt admitted that he was born in Germany, and had left there in 1909. He stated that he met Mike Stoney in Park-Blackwell's, where they both worked.

"He say to me: 'I know a way you get to Germany,' and then he gave me a letter to his brother, Steve, at Niagara-on-the-Lake. I take the letter where Steve kept an ice cream parlor and sold to the soldiers. He take me to Irvine, a soldier, and then I was taken across," said Rheinhardt. Questioned further, Rheinhardt stated that Irvine advised him to wait until the ferry was a few feet from the shore on its departing trip, and he was then to jump. "While I jumped he spoke to the immigration officers," added Rheinhardt.

"Did you give him any money?" he was asked.

"Yes, I give him \$5, and he tell me that if he was caught he would be fined \$500."

Cross-examined by Mr. Robinette and Mr. McDonald, Rheinhardt stated that he had never had any military training in Germany, and it was his intention to work as a bartender in the United States.

"Did you not tell Stoney that you were a Swiss?" asked Mr. McDonald.

"Mike knew I was a German, but I told Steve that I was a Swiss."

All were committed for trial.