

SEDITIONOUS PRATTLE BY ENEMY SOCIALIST

Held in Custody Over Night and is Denied Bail

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St. John, N.B., Dec. 9.—The nature of Wilfrid Gribble's alleged seditious utterances was revealed yesterday afternoon when, in his preliminary examination in the Police Court, George H. Worden told of the meeting he attended.

Gribble called King George a puppet, said that the legend "Your King and Country Need You" should read "Your King and country bleed you," referred to young men who donned the khaki as "slaves to Britain," and said that one might as well be a German slave.

Gribble also related an incident when he, a soldier, and an officer in one of the regiments met Col. McAvity, of the 28th. The soldier saluted, but the officer did not, saying: "I have no use for that sort of man."

Gribble also claimed that many of the soldiers were forced to enlist, and that Socialists who answered the call to arms were "no good to our order, as we can't trust them."

Worden said that Gribble's references were freely applauded by other Socialists at the meeting.

The case was adjourned until this afternoon, after the police magistrate had refused bail for the prisoner.