

REGRETS TO MR. AUER FOR ERROR IN STAR

Retraction of Statements Made in Canadian Press Des- patch From Kingston.

The Star has received from Messrs. Johnston, McKay, Dods and Grant, solicitors for Alex. Auer, the following notice:

We hereby give you notice on behalf of Alex. Auer, that he complains of certain statements contained in an article published in the issue of your paper on Thursday, November 1, 1917, under the caption "Auer Comes Up Again," which article appears on page 22 of the said issue in the lower part of the seventh column thereof.

The said article is as follows:

"AUER COMES UP AGAIN.

"Man Accused of ~~Sedition~~ in Toronto Said to flourish Firearms.

"Kingston, Ont., Nov. 1.—Complaint was made to George Hunter, J.F., to-day that Alexander Auer, recently given two years in Toronto for seditious remarks, and who was released after serving a week because the conviction was quashed on the ground that the case should have been first handled by the military authorities, was in the northern part of Frontenac County flourishing firearms. In view of proceedings which have already been taken, Mr. Hunter has referred the matter to the military authorities for action."

The said article was intended to charge and charges that the said Alex. Auer, meaning the complainant, was guilty of sedition and of uttering seditious remarks and was guilty of an indictable offence under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, and Amendments thereto, or under an Order-in-Council passed under the Defence of the Realm Consolidation Act, 1914, and Amendments thereto.

The said article was intended to charge, and does charge, and the innuendo there is a charge against Alex. Auer, meaning the said complainant, with being a criminal and with having committed a crime within the Province of Ontario.

This notice is given you pursuant to an Act respecting actions for Libel and Slander, being Revised Statutes of Ontario, 1914, Chapter 71, and Amending Acts.

Dated at Toronto this 8th day of November, 1917. Johnston, McKay, Dods & Grant, Traders Bank Building, Toronto, Solicitors for the said Alex. Auer.

The despatch complained of was furnished to The Star in the news service of the Canadian Press Limited, and published by The Star in good faith without malice. On the day following its publication, and before any complaint had been received from Mr. Auer or anyone representing him, The Star published a correction, pointing out that it was not Auer, but another man, who was reported to be flourishing firearms in Frontenac County. The Star certainly had no wish to do or intention of doing Mr. Auer any injustice or injury, and now wishes to express its regret that in its columns the name of Mr. Auer should have been linked with proceedings in which he was not involved, and to retract any statement which could be interpreted as unfair and injurious to him.