
PERTH POLICE COURT.

(Tuesday.—Before Mr. Davies, P.M.)

Stealing.—Dolly Reardon (27) pleaded guilty to having, on November 29, stolen a quantity of household articles, valued at £5, the property of Lou Bong. She was fined £2, ordered to make restitution of £1 and pay 6s. costs, or in default a month's imprisonment.

Two Charges.—John Lorimer, a soldier, was charged with having used insulting words on the Perth railway station the previous night, and with having obstructed a ticket examiner in the execution of his duty. A fine of 5s. in each case was imposed.

Pointing a Revolver.—Andrew Kairi (36), a Russian, was charged with having, on December 3, pointed a revolver at Donald H. Gordon, and also with carrying a firearm without having a licence. On the first charge the defendant was fined £2 and costs, and on the second charge 5s. and costs, or in default 10 days' imprisonment.

Disturbance at Referendum Meeting.—T. McKenzie (51) was charged with having, at a referendum meeting outside the Central Railway Station, Perth, on December 1, acted in a disorderly manner, and wilfully disturbed the meeting, in contravention of the war precautions regulations. Sergeant Leon prosecuted, and Mr. W. Dwyer appeared for the defence. Detective McGrady stated that he was present at the meeting. For about 10 minutes the accused continually interrupted the speaker, and several times called him a liar. Other interjections were made until a portion of the crowd resented his conduct and were beginning to get hostile when Detective Shuttleworth and himself arrested the accused, who was slightly under the influence of drink. Corroborative evidence was given by Detective Shuttleworth, who added that there were several Germans present, who were very pleased at the way things were going. Inspector Mann, who was also present, and

Inspector Mann, who was also present, and who ordered the arrest, stated that he also noticed some Germans, who were endeavouring to create a disturbance, and had not the accused been arrested when he was, serious trouble would have arisen. The Germans had been dealt with in another way. Mr. Dwyer applied for the dismissal of the case on the grounds that it did not come within the regulations, and that the accused was not brought before the Court, in accordance with the regulations. Other technical objections were raised, but were overruled by the Magistrate. Evidence of good character was given. A fine of £3 and costs, or in default 14 days' imprisonment, was imposed.
