

WANTED TO GO TO FINLAND BUT REACHES POLICE CELLS

NOT A BOLSHEVIK.

In the Police Court to-day, before Mr. W. Le Brun Brown, S.M., Valance Johansen (27), described as a laborer, pleaded not guilty to a charge of having been found drunk at the Police Station on June 18.

There were 13 previous convictions against the defendant, seven being for drunkenness, four for indecent language, one for maliciously damaging, and the other for disorderly conduct.

Sergeant Dimond related that the defendant entered the Police Station in a drunken condition. The defendant, he said, was calling out, "I am a Finn, and I want you to send me back to Finland."

Defendant, in evidence, said that a man in the street told him all the Finns were going back to their homeland. He went to the Police Station to make inquiries, and Sergeant Dimond locked him up. He had several drinks during the day.

The Magistrate: If you thought Finland was a better place than this you must have been drunk.

To Sergeant Dimond: He only had six or seven glasses of wine during yesterday. He admitted having served a month's imprisonment for being an habitual drunkard. Before going to the Police Station he had had a drink.

Before going to the Police Station he did not go about the town claiming to be a Bolshevik.

The Magistrate: When was he here last?

Sergeant Dimond: February of this year, your Worship.

The Magistrate: You are fined 30/.

The Defendant: Can I have time to pay? I have no money until I start work. The last time I was given time to pay I brought the money in.

The defendant was allowed 21 days in which to pay.
