

Police Court—Adelaide.

Friday, August 13.

(Before Mr. G. W. Halcombe, S.M., and Messrs. M. J. Daly and J. G. Folland.)

Leon Selman, who walked into court "shaking like a leaf," was charged with having stolen a coat and pair of trousers, valued at £3, belonging to John Tessiere, boots at the Bijou Hotel. Mr. H. Solomon, who appeared for the accused, said the man was suffering from shell-shock. The evidence was that the accused, the informant, and William Phillips occupied the same room at the Hotel on Wednesday night. The articles were missing from the room the next morning, when the accused was seen wearing them. Constable McKinnell said, with Constable Lindsay, he arrested the accused, who, when asked where he obtained the clothes, said, "I've been drinking. I do not know." The accused when asked to plead, said "Guilty. I do not remember." Mr. Solomon said Selman arrived a few days ago from Brisbane, and represented a well-known drug firm. He was a Frenchman, and took part in the landing at Gallipoli. Having been wounded he returned to Australia, but he re-enlisted, and in France sustained shell-shock. He was receiving £4 4/ a week pension. Shortly after his arrival he got on the drink and became very bad. He did not remember what happened that night, but, next morning he found his own clothes soiled, and temporarily put on a suit hanging behind the door. The S.M.—His conduct is not that of an ordinary thief. It is painful to see the man here in this condition. Sub-Inspector Nicholson said a doctor had to be called in twice to the accused during the previous night. The S.M. decided to discharge the accused on his entering into a bond of £5 to be of good behaviour for six months. Another charge was withdrawn.

Thomas Joseph Tierney, a one-legged man, was charged with having been drunk and with having used indecent language in Rundle-street on Wednesday. He pleaded guilty. Constable Robinson gave evidence. The defendant promised to take the pledge. Tierney was ordered to pay £1 12/ in all.

Herbert M. H. Madge was fined £1, with 15/ costs, for having exceeded the speed limit with a motor car along King William-street on August 3. Constable Fleet said that the defendant's speed was six miles an hour over the limit.