

CRIMINAL.

At the Metropolitan Quarter Sessions, before Judge Scholes (Mr. Norman de Horne Rowland, Crown Prosecutor), Alfred William Glover was, at the direction of his Honor, acquitted by the jury on a charge of breaking and entering, with intent to steal. Glover was discharged. Mr. Maddocks Cohen appeared for Glover.

Joseph Fletcher and George Doobrofsky were charged with breaking and entering the shop of Sam Bowen, Limited, on May 14, and having stolen 26 yards of cloth. There was a second count of receiving. The accused were also charged with having broken into the same shop on May 17 and stolen 32 yards of cloth. On this charge also there was a second count of receiving. Mr. Collins (instructed by Mr. Maddocks Cohen) appeared for the two accused, who pleaded not guilty. Doobrofsky, a Russian, who served with the A.I.F., said that he knew nothing about the robbery. He bought the cloth from a man named Simpson about a week previous to his arrest. He was only a casual acquaintance of Fletcher. Fletcher, in a statement from the dock, denied any knowledge of the robbery. Fletcher was found guilty of stealing, and sentenced to two years' hard labor, and Doobrofsky was found guilty of receiving. His sentence of 12 months' hard labor was suspended under the provisions of the First Offenders Act.

George O'Sullivan, found guilty of keeping a disorderly house, was sentenced to 12 months' hard labor in Goulburn Gaol, his Honor remarking that he could not imagine a more miserable existence, and the conduct of the accused must be looked on with the utmost disgust.