

# LOSS OF LEG

## BLAMED FOR BIGAMY

### “MADE HIM IRRITABLE”

**T**HE loss of a leg in the war was blamed by Samuel Reginald Bortzell, 33, at Darlinghurst Sessions to-day, for causing him to commit bigamy.

“It was all through the loss of this leg,” said Bortzell, who went into the dock on crutches.

“How did the loss of a leg cause you to marry two women?” asked Judge Curlewis.

Bortzell then said he had had a leg blown off by a shell, and as a result, he suffered much pain for years afterwards.

### SECOND WIFE'S KINDNESS

“I married in 1920,” he continued, “but the pain of the leg caused me to become irritable, and I had many quarrels with my wife. I married the second woman because she was always kind to me.”

The Crown Prosecutor, Mr. L. J. M'Kean, said that the second woman had left Bortzell, and that the wife was undecided whether she would seek a divorce.

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Accused was remanded for sentence.

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