

"LIKE RUSSIAN COSSACKS."

John Gray, a well educated Russian, who speaks English fluently, appeared before Mr. Moore, P.M., in the Central Police Court this morning, charged with having addressed a meeting in Edward-street, on Sunday last, without first having obtained permission from the Commissioner of Police, so to do.

Corroborative evidence was given by a number of Russians, to all of whom, except the first Th. Sergaeff acted as interpreter. The witnesses were, V. Pikunoff, Paul Nasonoff, Nikolos Rosalief, and Nikolos Gorf. Evidence showed that defendant on Sunday night had spoken sometimes in English and sometimes in Russian. Defendant generally spoke loud, and on that occasion he had spoken the same as usual.

The last witness described the action of the police as "very rude,—like Russian Cossacks." The crowd had shouted in protest of the "rude" behavior of the police.

This closed the case for the defence, and the Magistrate then complimented the interpreter on the way in which he had done his work.

Mr. Moore: I have no doubt that at the time in question you were the centre of attraction of a large crowd. You were there for one sole purpose—to address a crowd, and you did so. I have nothing to do with the reasons which induce the Commissioner of Police to refuse to grant permits for Sundays. I am here to administer the law, and I shall do so to the best of my ability.

"You came here as a foreigner, and you must be amenable to our laws, but you also get the benefit of the law. You and others who have tried to break these bylaws have no excuse. You think you are coming here day after day, but you are not going to do so. You may just as well understand that.

"I notice that you are a man of education, and a man of some considerable thought. But that is all the more reason why you should perfectly understand that you are not going to break our laws with impunity.

Defendant was then fined £5, in default one month's imprisonment. He stated that he would not pay the fine.