

In the Police Court.

FOR WHICH WAR WAS RESPONSIBLE.

Several charges arising more or less directly from the war scare were before Mr. A. S. Roe, P.M., at the City Court to-day.

Esther Muriel Warden (45), was the first of the accused. She was charged with having created a disturbance in the Terrace on Saturday afternoon. According to Constable McGowan the scene of the offence was the "Daily News" office, and Warden's trouble was that the information published there was contrary to fact. She announced her intention of wrecking the premises, but apparently changed her mind, for she was engaged in attempting to stab a Chinaman with a hatpin, when she was taken into custody. Warden said she wanted to get out of the city, but the police would not give her a chance. She had a brother on the Roon, and that was why she was interested in the war news.

Mr. Roe decided that a rest of one month at Fremantle would meet the case.

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to a similar offence in James-street. The arresting constable said that he found accused fighting with a Swede, whom he had mistaken for a subject of the Kaiser, and had called "a German ——" Mr. Roe, whilst pointing out the folly of Aitchison's conduct, decided that he had been sufficiently punished by being kept in gaol since Saturday, and allowed him to go with a caution. Sergt. Smythe said that offences of the kind were becoming too common. "Any man who looks a bit foreign is threatened," he said.

Charles Tammai (36), a naturalised Russian, was similarly dealt with for having created a disturbance on the Perth-Fremantle road. Constable Lynn, of Cottesloe, said accused was put out of a wine saloon, and would not go home. "I think someone called him a German" he explained.