

PETTY THEFT

YOUNG RUSSIAN FINED £5.

FOR STEALING £4 FROM SHOP.

CASE AT BATHURST COURT.

Before Mr. C. Jennings, S.M., at the Bathurst Police Court this morning, Myers Levin, 27, a Russian, was charged with stealing £4, the property of Martin Lapin, on Thursday, 16th instant,

Senior Sergt. Sheehy gave evidence of arrest. After arresting accused he questioned him about the money and accused said he gave Mrs. McKenna £1/3/10 that he owed for board, and planted the rest in Lambert-street. Witness examined the spot, and found £2/5/10. Accused said he had spent the other 4d.

Martin Lapin stated that he had about £4 in the drawer in his shop, 53 William-street. Accused was in the shop shortly before 6 o'clock, and when he went out the money had also disappeared. He had known accused for about nine months, and had given

for about nine months, and had given him 15/ last week and some more money the previous week. When witness saw accused at the lock-up, he said he did not know anything about the money, but later said he would pay witness back the money "in the morning" if he took him out of the lock-up.

Accused elected to be summarily dealt with and pleaded guilty.

Asked if anything was known of accused, Sergt. Sheehy stated that a warrant had been issued for his arrest for deserting from the Liverpool camp in March last, but that would be a matter for the military authorities.. On searching accused's room at the boarding house the Sergt. found a military uniform and a fully loaded revolver.

A fine of £5 was imposed, in default five weeks' hard labor.
