

"Not in Russia Now."

AN UNREGISTERED REVOLVER.

Marion Oosseff appeared before Messrs. L. Jones (chairman) and J. W. Bartrop (mayor) in Preston court yesterday, on a charge of having an unregistered pistol in her possession. The woman pleaded not guilty to the charge.

Constable H. G. Hobby said that in consequence of complaints made to the police he went to the house of defendant in Gertrude-street, Preston, on 6th May, and asked her if she had an unregistered pistol in her possession. She said she had one, and brought it out. Witness took possession of the pistol, and Oosseff said, "If I got a bigger one, would you register it for me?" To this witness said "No." Then defendant asked whether the pistol witness had seized would be brought back to her. Witness said it would not.

Defendant, a well-dressed woman, speaking with a foreign accent, said, "The pistol no belong to me. I never had firearms in my life. I no wish to be sworn."

Theodore Oosseff, husband of defendant, said he bought the revolver in Elizabeth-street "to go to Russia." His wife had advised him to throw the revolver away.

Mrs. Oosseff: In Russia they no register revolvers.

Sergeant Ewart: You are not in Russia now.

Defendant was fined 20/.