

# Criminal Court

## Russian Found Guilty

At the criminal sittings of the Supreme Court yesterday afternoon, before Mr. Justice Webb, Aken Petroff, a Russian, was found guilty of having unlawfully assaulted Stephen Orloff, thereby causing bodily harm, on August 5 last, at West End.

The Crown Prosecutor (Mr. F. W. Dickson) said that the prisoner emigrated to Australia in 1912. He served with the A.I.F. in France, and was dangerously wounded. His conduct in the army was good, as was his character as a citizen. He had been convicted once for the wilful destruction of property.

Mr. D. J. R. Watson, for the prisoner, asked for leniency, but his Honour pointed out that some people, particularly foreigners, were too free with their use of knives. The attack was a vicious one, and, all things considered, he would have to send the prisoner to gaol for a short time.

A sentence of nine months' imprisonment with hard labour was imposed; but his Honour said that if the prisoner's conduct were good he would be prepared to review the sentence, if a petition came before him for report from the Governor-in-Council.