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Charge Against Mr. Crowley

“Feloniously receiving five letters”

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A solicitor made this statement at Marylebone police court today when Edward Alexander Crowley, aged 58, was accused of feloniously receiving five letters, the property of Betty Sedgwick.

Mr. Crowley, who was described on the charge sheet as an explorer, of Upper Montagu-street, London, wore a light grey suit and a flowing bow tie. He carried a curiously carved stick.

During the brief proceedings he leaned heavily on the rail of the dock. A number of fashionably dressed women had seats in the court.

Mr. Edward F. Iwi, prosecuting, said that the position at the moment was this. Certain documents which were the subject matter of the charge were at present in custody of the Master of the Crown Office. Application would have to be made in High Court for the documents to be produced.

He would therefore call the sergeant who carried out the arrest, and ask for a remand for a week.

Mr. Isidore Kerman, on behalf of Mr. Crowley said, “I would like to take this early opportunity of saying that Mr. Crowley has a complete answer to this charge, and I agree with the application for the remand for a week.”

“ANOTHER GENTLEMAN”

The magistrate (Mr. Ivan Snell): There is another gentleman rather connected with this case?

Detective-Sergeant Davidson: Yes. So far, I have not been able to trace him, but I have hopes of doing so in the very near future.

Det.-Sergeant Davidson then gave evidence of arresting Crowley about 2.40 p.m. on Thursday in Carlos-place, London. He read the warrant and cautioned him, and Crowley said, “Excuse me, where did you say?”

The sergeant said that he replied: "18, Seymour-street, Marylebone."

The sergeant stated that Crowley then said: "I do not know the place."

Crowley was taken to Marylebone-lane police station, where he was charged, and again cautioned. When the charge was read over to him he made no reply.

Mr. Kerman: The arrangements for the execution of the warrant were made through my office and there was no attempt to evade it?

Det.-Sergt. Davidson: No.

The magistrate said that from the information it seemed to be a simple case and should not last, so far as the court was concerned, for much more than half or three-quarters of an hour. He ordered a remand until next Thursday.

Mr. Iwi: In the meantime application will be made to the High Court for the letters.

Bail was allowed in £10.