

THE BOND ROBBERY.

At the Guildhall Police court yesterday, W. R. Casey was charged on remand before Mr. Alderman Phillips with having, on October 28 last, violently assaulted James Watson, and with stealing from him bonds to the value of 10,800*l*, the property of Messrs. Alexander Wilson and Sons, stock and share brokers, of Cornhill. A further charge was preferred against the prisoner of stealing and receiving two Spanish bonds, valued at 1,904*l* 12*s*., which were missed some months back from the office of Messrs. Schaap and Hilburn, stockbrokers, of 2, Drapers' gardens. The prisoner was not defended. Mr. H. G. Abrahams prosecuted on behalf of Messrs. Wilson and Son, and, in reply to the magistrate, said that he was only going to call three witnesses.—Sergeant Taylor, recalled, gave evidence in support of the charges.

Mr. Leslie Wilson said he was a member of the firm of Alexander Wilson and Sons, stockbrokers. He received 7,000 Five per Cent. Uruguay bonds on the 25th of October, 1887. There were thirty-five of 100*l* each and seven of 500*l* each. He entered the numbers and particulars of those bonds in the firm's security book in the usual course of business. On the 15th September, 1887, he received 190 Ohio and Mississippi bonds. The nominal value of the shares was 3,000*l*. On the 28th of October he handed the bonds to James Watson to deliver, he having previously sold them. The bonds were to be delivered at different places in the City.

James Watson gave evidence as to how the bonds were taken from him. He could not possibly identify the prisoner by his features, but his stature was about the same. On this charge the prisoner said he would reserve his defence.

Mr. P. Hands, of 216, Strand, a money-changer, said certain Uruguay bonds and coupons were presented to him for exchange on the 28th of October. He informed the tenderer of the bonds that he could not pay for them then, but he would inquire if they were in order and if they were he would pay for them. The man did not ask him to buy the bonds.—Frederick Hargreave, of 377, Strand, a money-changer, said he recognised the prisoner as being the man who offered to sell him seven coupons of the Uruguay loan. He told him that he could not cash them as prisoner was a stranger. Witness called his attention to the fact that they were not due for three months. Prisoner replied that he was in the habit of cashing coupons before they were due. He referred him to Messrs. Reimart's. Witness afterwards gave notice to the police.—F. G. Cortwell, a cashier at Messrs. Reimart's, said he did not recognise the prisoner. Certain Uruguay coupons were offered him on the day of the robbery. A man presented some Uruguay bonds for the purpose of discounting them. He thought some of them were 100*l* bonds and some 500*l*. The police communicated with witness's firm the next day.—The prisoner, who was then formally charged and committed for trial, said he should object to some of the evidence given.

The further charge against the prisoner of stealing two Spanish bonds of the Four per Cent. Loan was then proceeded with.—Detective-sergeant Taylor deposed to finding the bonds among the prisoner's effects. He had charged the prisoner with the theft, and the prisoner's reply was that he had found them.—Mr. Magnus Levi Schaap, of the firm of Schaap and Hilburn, stockbrokers, said he purchased two Four per Cent. Spanish bonds in April last. They should have been delivered on the 12th of April, the account day. On the 12th of April he caused a search to be made, and the bonds could not be found.—Mr. A. Fuller and Mr. Willats, clerks in the employ of Messrs. Schaap, and other witnesses, gave evidence, and the prisoner was also committed for trial on this charge.

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