

£50 FINE ON BETTING CHARGE

Offender Goes to Africa

Norman Edward Willis, journalist, of Kent Town, who, the prosecution said, is now on his way to Africa, was fined £50 in the Adelaide Police Court today on a charge of having been in a billiard saloon in Hutt street, City, for the purpose of betting.

Before Messrs. F. W. Harrop and J. Fowler, Willis pleaded guilty last week to the charge, and the justices adjourned the case until today to fix a penalty, and to give their decision regarding William Sams, shop assistant, of Wakefield street, City, who was charged with Willis and pleaded not guilty.

After Mr. Harrop had said that the Bench had decided to dismiss the information against Sams, Mr. C. J. Philcox, who appeared for both defendants, asked the Bench to consider, when imposing penalty on Willis, that it was his first offence.

"As I understand that this man is on his way to Africa, it does not make much difference what the court does in his case," said the Senior Assistant Police Prosecutor (Mr. Dayman). "I don't suppose we shall ever see him again."

Mr. Philcox—There is no evidence of that.

An application by Mr. Philcox for 14 days to pay was granted. Default was fixed at imprisonment for a month.