

PART I.

BANK FOR RUSSIAN TRADE, LTD.

On the morning of the 27th April we attended at the Office of the Bank for Russian Trade and were received by the Chairman, Mr. Kasparson, who at once produced any books or documents for which we asked.

We called for the Register of Bank Notes, and explained that we wished to trace two £10 Bank of England notes, numbers 108L 85304 and 108L 85388 which had been found in the possession of Michael Burke alias Smith when he was arrested on the 17th March, 1928, on a charge of being in possession of firearms without a certificate.

From the Register of Bank Notes it appeared that on the 9th November, 1927, the following Bank Notes were obtained from the Midland Bank :—

276E 99501/600	100 at £5.
287E 99001/500	500 at £5.
108L 85001/500	500 at £10.
110L 26701/800	100 at £10.
36M 06326/30	5 at £20.
34N 62173/4	2 at £50.
30O 88491	1 at £100.

There was a record on the opposite page that certain of these notes, set out below—

108L 85001/500	500 at £10.
110L 26721/800	80 at £10.
287E 99001/500	500 at £5.
276E 99501/600	100 at £5.

were despatched on the same day to the Garantie und Kredit Bank für den Osten, 68, Unter den Linden, Berlin.

From the Ledger Account of the Garantie und Kredit Bank we extracted an entry on the debit side,

“ To cash, as per letter 7th November, 1927, £9,800.”

The letter from the Garantie Bank of the 7th November was produced at our request; it asked the Bank to send, and debit to their Sterling account £9,800 in English notes, divided as follows :—

£1,000 in £1 notes.
 £3,000 in £5 notes.
 £5,800 in £10 notes.

The entries in the Bank Note Register relating to these notes were in the handwriting of Mr. W. T. Sell, the Head Messenger.