

ATTEMPT MADE WITH DYNAMITE BY GERMANS TO DAMAGE COBALT

Cobalt, Ont. March 10.—By mistakenly cutting the fuse which led to scores of cases of dynamite, a German Pole saved Cobalt from a terrific explosion entailing a heavy loss of life and property.

The German conspirator, in the dark, in attempting to shorten the fuse leading to the dynamite, cut off two inches of it, but at the same time loosened the percussion cap. This is all that saved the town from a dastardly attempt on its life and buildings. The attempt was revealed through the efforts of Provincial Inspector Rowell and Officers Lefebvre and Wilson, who had followed up information laid by the Nipissing Mining Company that their powder magazine had been broken into some time ago during the last week of February—and an attempt made to blow up the plant.

Thomas Szyszkoe was arrested a week ago and the story told by him was that after much pressure and at the instigation of John Szyszkoe, no relation, and Alec Henchel, he broke into the powder house and laid a stick of powder on one of the one hundred and twenty-nine cases of dynamite. He lit the fuse in the dark and cut off two inches of it, but apparently did not know it included the cap. By this act on his part, the explosion was averted.

The three men implicated had all been employees of the Nipissing Mining Company, but recently laid off. The act was one of desperation or an inspiration. The fatherland is as