

## **Enemy Aliens in Porcupine District**

The Porcupine Herald, published at South Porcupine, in its issue of March 13, contains several items of news which indicate that there is some disquiet in that region because of the number of aliens there and the attitude they assume.

"The foreign population of the Porcupine district," says the Herald, "far outnumber the British, and even at that some of our best men have gone to the front." **Enemy aliens** are employed in the mines and, according to the Herald, "some \$40,000 or \$50,000 leaves this camp each and every month to German bankers in New York to be forwarded to Austria and Germany." The Herald calls upon the Ottawa Government to take cognizance of this, and declares that patriotic local feeling is much disturbed.

A public meeting of citizens was held at Golden City, with representatives from outside points, and a committee of seven appointed to organize a Home Guard. It is described as being in actual fact a minority organizing to defend itself, if need be, against a local majority, consisting of **enemy aliens**.

In the same issue of the paper is recorded the arrest of three German-Poles charged with stealing dynamite from the Nipissing mine and attempting to blow up a magazine containing 129 cases of dynamite. A report of these arrests appeared in despatches to the Toronto press.

Another front page feature of the Herald describes how, on the preceding Sunday, Constables Carmichael, Craft, and Courtenarche arrested fifteen Austrian-Poles who were engaged in public military drill on Moneta townsite. The men were taken before a magistrate, who adjourned their case for a week while Ottawa could be communicated with, each man being in the meantime released on a \$10 bail.

The country ought to know what is going on in the Porcupine district. The people there are disturbed and not without reason. It seems plain that the duty of the Government is to send an officer up there to look the situation over and, if necessary, intern a few alien enemies.