

# **PEMBROKE HUB OF ORGANIZED "SPY" SYSTEM**

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## **Government Takes no Action Fearing Loss of Votes of German Colony**

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Ottawa, Dec. 1—A statement by Mayor L. Morris, of Pembroke, Ont., that that town is the hub of an organized spy system radiating throughout Canada and connecting with an even greater system in the United States has caused somewhat of a sensation in local circles. Pembroke's proximity to the Petawawa military camp and the fact that there are over 1,300

Germans in the town are advanced by Mayor Morris as among the reasons for his statement.

The mayor asserts that no efforts have been made by the authorities to round up the ultra-German element, and consequently alien enemies abound unmolested throughout the district. Mayor Morris in the statement attributes this apparent negligence to party politics. He is a Conservative himself, he says, but the

government is afraid to disturb the German population for fear of harming itself when election time comes along, and consequently the Germans have a free hand.

Mr. Morris believes that everything that happens at the interment camp at Petawawa is conveyed across the border and that details of the government work being undertaken in Canada reaches the enemy through the same channel. The attitude of the

German element was emphasized by the mayor. "Before every patriotic meeting that we have held we have written personally to each of the four German pastors in the town asking them to be present and take part in the proceedings. Not one answered me and only one of the four ministers ever put in an appearance at the meetings. The majority of this portion of our population is absolutely out and out pro-German."

He says there are a number of old German soldiers resident in the town which has its own German paper.