

PLANNED TO DESTROY BRIDGES OVER GORGE

German Agents Had Designs on Railway Structures at Niagara

PLOTS WERE RAMIFIED

Canadian Press Despatch.

New York, Dec. 21.—Two Federal Grand Juries are investigating to-day the alleged plot to blow up the Welland Canal, and the activities of Labor National Peace Council in instigating strikes in war munitions factories. Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, who testified yesterday in the case of the Labor Council, is under subpoena for further appearance before the Grand Jury with Frank Morrison, Secretary of the Federation.

It was reported to-day that inquiry into the Welland Canal conspiracy has shown that Paul Koenig, who is under arrest as the chief conspirator, was watched by secret service agents while on frequent trips to Washington, and that he carried to that city suit cases or trunks containing documents and delivered them to persons in that city.

As illustrating the ramifications of the Federal investigation here it was said to-day that the Government agents are collecting evidence regarding alleged plots to blow up power houses on both the Canadian and American sides of the Niagara River at Niagara Falls, and to destroy the Michigan Central and Grand Trunk International bridges there.

Snowden H. Marshall, United States District Attorney, to-day received evidence concerning an effort to ship rubber, a contraband of war, from New York to Germany. The facts in this case came to light when the neutrality squad of the Customs Service seized four trunks and eight packing cases containing about 3,500 pounds of rubber.

All these trunks and cases have been checked as the personal baggage of a woman who was booked to sail for Rotterdam on the Holland-American liner Ryndam on November 27. Exportation of goods for commercial purposes without notifying the Customs authorities is a violation of the Federal statutes.