

# NEW YORK PAPER SAYS DOMINION POLICE UNCOVER GIGANTIC SCHEME

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Are Shipped to Border  
Points**

**MUNITION PLANTS'  
PRODUCTS BOUGHT  
BY TEUTON AGENTS**

**Principal Object of Move To  
Cripple Shipment of Sixty  
Million Bushels of Grain**

(Western Associated Press)

NEW YORK, Feb. 7.—The Herald this morning prints a lengthy story to the effect that the Canadian secret service has uncovered a plot of enormous proportions, the object of which was the invasion of Canada and the destruction of the Welland canal. The Canadian secret service agents working on this side of the border are reported by the Herald to have submitted these findings to their government:

"That 200,000 Mauser rifles had been secretly purchased by German agents and were being shipped to points along the Canadian border.

"That scores of German army officers recently have arrived in the United States in the guise of Belgian refugees and from neutral ports of Europe, with the object of heading an armed force for the invasion of Canada.

#### **Object of Movement.**

"That the principal object of this secret movement is the destruction of the Welland canal and crippling the shipment of 60,000,000 bushels of Canadian wheat to the Allies.

"That one-third of the output of the American munitions plants has been purchased by German agents masquerading as agents for the allied governments and that these war supplies, the greater part composed of rifles, are stored secretly.

"That the destruction of the Canadian parliament buildings at Ottawa last week and the attempted destruction of an ammunition plant in the same city on February 5, were the work of German sympathizers."

#### **Discountenances Report.**

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 7.—When asked this morning about the report in the New York Herald that a German plot to destroy the Welland canal had been discovered, the Dominion police said that they did not regard the story seriously. A similar story was investigated shortly after the outbreak of the war, and it was found to be without basis.

#### **Guards Are Increased.**

Major General Sir Sam Hughes does not place much credence in the story either. The minister recalls the fact that it was at one time reported that the Germans had concealed 200,000 men in the Adirondack mountains, but it turned out to be without foundation. The Dominion police say that the guard on the Welland canal has been increased several times since the war began. Militia authorities say that within a few hours a Canadian army of more than 25,000 strong could be concentrated at any point in Ontario against an enemy for an attack. They have no fear, however, of any such attempt being made by sympathizers of Germany to invade Canada.