

BRACEBRIDGE WORKMEN HOSTILE TO AUSTRIANS

Drive Interned Alien Enemies Out of Town

CAME FROM HEARST CAMP

**Tannery Tried to Relieve Labor
Trouble and an Ugly Situation De-
veloped—One House Burned—For-
eigners Are Now at Acton.**

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Bracebridge, April 14.—So displeas-
ing to the 400 tanners employed at
the Muskoka & Anglo-Canadian plants
on the Muskoka River here, was the
arrival of ten Austrians from the in-
ternment camp at Hearst this morn-
ing, that Mayor G. H. O. Thomas in-
duced them to leave town again. The
Austrians took the next train to Acton,
where, it is said, thirty more fellow-
countrymen were taken to-day to
work at the Acton plant of the Mus-
koka Company. Mayor Thomas com-
plimented the tanners on their be-
havior, which averted a situation
which at times threatened serious
trouble for the Muskoka tannery and
the Austrians. The only regrettable
feature of the day was the burning of
a house in which it was proposed by
the company to shelter the Austrians
after their arrival here.

The clash to-day between the work-
men and the Austrians was the out-
come of the "outside" labor situation
at the Muskoka plant. Recruiting
officers made inroads on the staff
to such an extent that men had to be
brought in from outside. Eventually
these, too, found their way into the
ranks of the 122nd Battalion, the men
claiming that \$1.50 per day is not
enough to live on in this town. Work-
men said that if better wages were
paid there would be no scarcity of
men, but the company did not fall in
with their views. Arrangements were
made with the Dominion Government
to bring forty Austrians from the in-
ternment camp, thirty to go to the
Acton plant and the other ten to re-
main here.

On the arrival of the Austrians here
notice was given to the company that
the men would not work with the
Austrians, and the workmen remained
outside of the plant, where they were
joined by the workmen of the other
plant across the river. Two hundred
soldiers of the 122nd Battalion also
looked on. Mayor Thomas' visit to
the plant resulted in a promise to
have the Austrians taken away, and a
big crowd followed them to the sta-
tion and saw them off on the train
to Acton.

The men at the Muskoka plant did
not return to work to-day owing to
the absence from town of Manager
Peter A. Smith, with whom they will
hold a conference to-morrow and dis-
cuss the local labor situation.

Acton, April 14.—(Special.)—Forty
Austrians arrived here from Hearst
and went to work at local tanneries.
As many as 120 Austrians from in-
ternment camps have been at work
here at one time.