

UNABLE TO GET REDRESS

UNLIKELY TO SECURE ANY SATISFACTION FROM CANADA.

Enlistment Complicates It—Joined Canadian Contingent and Placed Himself Under Canadian Jurisdiction.

L. W. Ripton, whom the Canadian Government held prisoners in the detention camp at Fort Henry, Kingston, Ont., for about a year, cannot secure any redress for his detention, says the *Waterville N.Y., Times*. The fact that he enlisted in the 8th C.M.R., in the fall of 1914, and was in the military service of Canada at the time he was arrested on his way from Kingston to Cape Vincent, in the summer of 1916, practically compels him to accept whatever treatment the Canadian Government desires to mete out to him.

Ripton, a former resident of Johnstown, N.Y., claims to be an American citizen and denies that he ever acted as a spy for Germany. He was released from Fort Henry last October. He came to this city, where he immediately took up the matter of his detention in a prison camp with Judge Henry Purcell, who in turn took the matter up with Secretary of State Robert Lansing to determine whether or not Ripton could secure any redress.

When asked about the case, Judge Purcell said that while there was nothing new in it, Ripton could not expect much in the way of relief as his case had been complicated by the fact that he had enlisted and Canada had the upper hand.

While no charge of desertion was made against Ripton, it is said that technically Canada might have preferred such a charge or perhaps a more serious one and that Ripton was lucky to be free on American soil again. Ripton was at one time a medical student in the Albany Medical College, and claims to have gone to Canada to visit a friend and there to have enlisted in the medical corps for overseas service. Just as he was about to be sent to England, he wished to visit a friend in Lowville, and got leave to do so with the result that

he was arrested on the boat.

It is claimed by the Canadian authorities that he was making frequent trips across the border, while in their service, and these excited suspicion that he might be a spy.

The fact that he joined the Canadian colods and took the oath of allegiance to King George and the British flag now stands in his way of securing the relief which he set out to obtain.