

# WAS TRAITOR IN R.N.W.M.P.

German Left Just Before War—Now  
Killed With the Foe.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Winnipeg, Feb. 20.—The Free Press to-day says: News of the death of R. A. M. Abich, a former sergeant of the Royal North-West Mounted Police and also a former employe of the Department of Immigration in Winnipeg, has just been received here. When killed, Abich was an officer with a body of German scouts on the west front, and he therefore died while fighting the King to whom he had sworn allegiance.

Abich came directly to Canada from Berlin in 1903 and joined the R.N.W.M.P. at Regina. Later he became sergeant at Saskatoon, and in 1911 he left the force and joined the staff of the Immigration Office in Winnipeg. He remained until the last week in May, 1914, when he suddenly informed his friends that his grandmother in Berlin was very ill, so he had to return at once to the fatherland. He sailed for Berlin early in June, 1914, just two months before the outbreak of the war.