

FOUR OF ESCAPED GERMANS CAPTURED

All Are Captured on American Side of St. Croix River — From Amherst Camp

(Canadian Press Despatches.)

Calais, Me., Jan. 19.—A situation of international interest developed to-day when four men, alleged to be German prisoners of war who had escaped from a detention camp at Amherst, N.S., were captured on the American side of the border. They had crossed the ice on the St. Croix River, two miles above this city, from the New Brunswick shore. Three of the men had fled to Ayer Junction, where they were about to board a westbound train, when H. C. Gillis, a United States immigration inspector, arrested them. Another was caught here.

Agents of the Canadian Government in this city said that formal proceedings would be started at once through the Administration at Ottawa and the British Ambassador at Washington seeking the return of the alleged fugitives to Canadian soil. The Immigration Department, however, it is understood, will first pass upon the status of the men as applicants for admission to the country. A special Board of Inquiry is expected to be ordered soon.

Seven Taken in N.B.

In this connection, local immigration officers to-day recalled that an escaped German prisoner of war, arriving in Boston recently as a stow-away on a vessel after he had fled from a French prison was admitted to the country upon fulfillment of the ordinary immigration requirements.

The men apprehended here gave their names as William Schroeder, Gustave Hortwig, George Kleinworth and Hans Neu. Despatches from Amherst, N.S., say that prisoners of those names were among the twelve who escaped from the detention camp there Monday night.

Seven of these prisoners were captured in New Brunswick to-day, according to reports from the Dominion military authorities. Four were taken into custody at St. Stephen, N. B., removed by only a few miles from the American line, and three more at McAdam Junction, also very close to the border. A twelfth man, William Wagner, was said to be still at large.

Eleven Suspects Held.

St. John, N.B., Jan. 19.—Eleven believed to be part of the contingent of twelve Germans who yesterday tunneled their way to liberty out of the internment camp at Amherst, N. S., have been taken into custody. Eight were arrested at St. Stephen and three more at McAdam, N.B.

The most wanted of the prisoners is Gustav Hartwig. He was first arrested at St. John when the war broke out and was found in possession of a complete series of maps of the Atlantic coast. He escaped from the military prison at Halifax by swimming across the harbor, and was again arrested at St. John just as he was boarding a schooner for New York. He is believed to be among the suspects at St. Stephen. Four of the other men wanted have escaped from Amherst before.