

SEVEN NOW HELD AS PRISONERS OF WAR

Six Germans and One Hungarian in Toils at Hands of Police

FOUR TAKEN FROM SHIP

After the Military Authorities and Police Had Held Conference—Court Martial Will Take Place

From now on, every German, Austrian or Hungarian, who attempts to leave Canada to take part in the war against Great Britain, will be subject to arrest and will be made prisoner of war. Those who are suspected of being spies, or thought to be in any way aiding the enemies of England in the present struggle, will also be taken into custody.

There were seven prisoners of war in the hands of the city police, last night. Six of them are Germans, four of whom were taken off one of the steamers moored at Hochelaga, while the two others were picked up at the Bonaventure Station. The other is Alexandre Keleman, a Hungarian, who has been in Montreal for a couple of weeks. Keleman, who dresses in a Hungarian costume, is supposed to be travelling around the world. He makes his living by selling post card pictures of himself, which explain that he left Budapest March 1, 1914, to travel around the world in five years. When he was taken into custody yesterday morning by a policeman from the Chabollez street station, Keleman was found to be carrying a loaded revolver. He was taken to the Chabollez street station, but was detained there only a short while when he was sent to police headquarters. The policeman who arrested the Hungarian Globe trotter, was going to lay a charge against him in the Recorder's Court for carrying a loaded revolver, on which he would be arraigned this morning. Chief Campeau, however, said that as Keleman was a prisoner of war, it should be left with the military authorities as to what was to be done with him. By putting other charges against him, he was of the opinion that it might only cause a conflict of authority.

It is understood that the arrest of Keleman followed a visit paid to police headquarters by an officer from military headquarters. The military officer was in consultation with Chief Campeau for a few minutes. It could not be learned what the conversation was about, but when the military man left the head of the police force sent a telephone message to Captain Dandeneault, of the Chabollez street station to have the Hungarian, who was engaged in trying to dispose of some of his postcards in St. James street, near Bonaventure Station, taken into custody right away. Captain Dandeneault sent a couple of men and Keleman was placed under arrest. Not long afterwards, two Germans were picked up by the police in the vicinity of where the Hungarian was arrested. They were also taken to the Chabollez street station, but with Keleman were sent to headquarters under a police guard.

TAKEN FROM STEAMER.

The four Germans who were taken off the steamer at Hochelaga are being detained at the East St. Catherine street station. The police have no charges against them. They are being held on instructions from military headquarters, where information is said to have been received from customs house officers concerning the men.

It is understood that all Germans who attempt to leave the city, who are suspected of trying to get back to Germany to fight for the Fatherland against England and her allies, will be detained here as prisoners of war.

So far no arrangements have been made here by the military authorities to look after such prisoners. It is understood that something along that line will be done within the next few days, when one of the buildings in the city, belonging to the Dominion Government will likely be used as a prison. Then, all who are arrested as prisoners of war will be tried before a military court martial. Should any of the prisoners be found to be spies, or to have been guilty of destroying lives or property, they may be sentenced to death. The civil authorities will have nothing to do in dealing with prisoners of war, although the city police may assist in making arrests. It is not known unless the military authorities have some secret information, whether or not any of those who are under arrest here now, are suspected of being spies. It is understood that the prisoners will be turned over to the military authorities this morning.