

ORGANIZED BAND OF GERMANS AND AUSTRIANS FOUND

Mayor of Montreal Gets Letter Telling Existence of Plotters

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MONTREAL, Oct. 22.—Acting Mayor Vandela declared this morning that he handed a letter over to Chief of Police Campeau, which states, and it is written by a person who apparently knows the facts of the case, that there is an organized band of Germans and Austrians in the city who are possessed of several wireless outfits, bombs, explosives and fire arms. This band of men, it is said by the author of the letter, is ready at a moment's notice to wreak an appalling amount of damage in the city of Montreal. The writer of the letter signs himself in his full name and address, and gives facts to show that his connection with the German organization is a bona fide one.

The taking of evidence in the case of Israel Shafer, charged with high treason in an alleged attempt to aid Austrian reservists to leave Canada for their homes, began before Judge Leet this morning. The Austrians alleged to have been aided by Shafer were identified, and the police captain who made the arrest told of his discovery of the reservists. Shafer, it is alleged, told the Austrians to represent themselves as Roumanians.