

Attempt to Blow Up Grand Trunk Subway

**Sensational Story of Alleged Discovery of Five
Foreigners Tampering With G.T.R.
Tracks, and Being Fired
On By Police**

RUMORED SHOOTING GERMANS ON CANAL AT PORT COLBORNE

In face of citizens being alarmed to-day by a number of sensational and contradictory rumors of attempts by Germans to wreck the Welland canal, and of the depredators being shot down by the guard, we print the following, without prejudice, from this morning's special edition of the Toronto World, as probably at the foundation of the whole bunch of stories:—

Warned about 9 o'clock last night that five men were acting suspiciously on top of the Grand Trunk subway at the second entrance to High Park from the Lake Shore road, Mounted Officer Hanson succeeded in stopping what is believed to have been an attempt by foreigners to blow up the subway and wreck a number of trains.

Hanson's informant was a motorist who by the headlights of his machine saw three men lying on the tracks, apparently busy, and two others walking around them as if on watch. The motorist's name has not been divulged.

The police officer spurred his horse and hurried to the scene. When he had come quite close to the men they started to run. When the men refused to stop in answer to Hanson's command, he fired two shots over their heads, but they kept on their way. He then emptied his revolver at them, but it is thought without success. High Park and the country for miles around was searched for hours without finding any of the men.

Just what damage was done to the

railway tracks the police would not say, but it is understood that they had been tampered with.

The most pronounced of the rumors afloat in Niagara Falls district this morning was one to the effect that five men had been fired on and two killed by the guard on the Welland canal, by whom they were detected in the act of either attempting to lay mines in the canal or dynamite to blow up the locks. Enquiries made by the Evening Review have resulted in a denial of all knowledge of any foundation for the rumor by local officials. Neither the city nor provincial police, nor the railway police department, have received any intimation of anything of the kind having taken place. We have personally interviewed County Attorney Cowper, who came over from Welland during the forenoon to join Magistrate Fraser in hearing a trial on a charge of bigamy in this city—reported in another column—but Mr. Cowper had received no report at Welland.

Later in the day we learn that the military guard of the canal near Port Colborne have had trouble with suspicious persons there, and the matter is being inquired into by the military authorities, Colonel Ptolemy being on the spot conducting the investigation; but up to the moment of our going to press the inquiries are not completed, and we are asked by the authorities to withhold further information until they can make the facts publicly known without any danger of the publication interfering with the course of justice.