

TURKS WERE TO KILL

MAJ.-GEN. SAM HUGHES, MINISTER OF MILITIA.

London, Ont., Police Found Letter Proving Guilt — The Turks Are Now In Fort Henry.

London, Ont., Nov. 25.—That the arrest of the three Turks at a Wellington street house last Thursday night by Detectives Egelton and Down, frustrated an attempted assassination of Major-General Sam Hughes, minister of militia and defense, is the allegation made by police authorities.

Letters found in the possession of the prisoners and interpreted by a government secret service man, are claimed to be a direct indication that an attempt was to have been made on the life of General Hughes when in the city to-day.

One of the letters, bearing a Detroit postmark on the envelope, urged the Turks to "do their duty" and to not be afraid of "getting" the man they had been instructed to kill.

This same letter also contained information about "one of Canada's biggest military men" coming to this city.

This reference, say the police, is one to General Hughes' visit. Another letter, turned over to the military authorities at Ottawa, and the contents of which the police will not divulge, is said to have contained information that definitely assigned the Turks to the assassination of General Hughes.

Details of the plot which was to have culminated here first leaked out in Detroit. Secret Service agents there are said to have sent out the first alarm. Chief of Police Williams admits this and said:

"It was information from the government authorities in Detroit and Ottawa that led to the arrest of the trio.

"As soon as we had our instructions the detectives were assigned to the case and made the capture."

Since the arrest of the trio, in whose possession a military Ross rifle and a quantity of ammunition was found, the detectives have been searching for a number of other letters and papers said to have been in the possession of the Turks before they were arrested.

The above Turks were brought to Kingston and are now in Fort Henry