

ABOUT GERMAN WAITERS

Fellow Employee Asserts Alien Enemy Waiters are in Communication With Berlin.

Startling statements have again been made about a leading hotel in the Capital employing German and Austrians as waiters who, besides being disloyal to the country in which they are working, have so organized themselves as to make it uncomfortable for English-speaking persons employed in the same hotel. An employee of the hotel in question volunteered information to The Journal yesterday regarding the tactics employed by these foreigners to get their own countrymen situations in preference to English-speaking persons. He also vouched for the authenticity of the sensational remarks made at the Allied Trades and Labor Council last Friday night, which were to the effect that these German and Austrian waiters were carrying on a system of espionage and were in secret communication with people in Berlin.

"The system is quite simple," he said. "A letter is posted here addressed to The Geneva Society in New York. When it arrives there the outer envelope is torn off which discloses another envelope addressed to a destination in Berlin or other parts of Germany. The same procedure is employed in the sending of a letter from Germany here."

He affirmed that while there was a large percentage of foreigners in the "house" there was not a single English-speaking employee in the kitchen. The small percentage of English employees do not object to working with foreign waiters and employees so long as they have an equal chance and the foreigners are loyal. The informant said definitely that these Germans particularly often gave vent to sentiments antagonistic to the British cause.

"Some of them are reservists," asserted the informant.

He further pointed out a dangerous policy in employing these alien enemies to wait upon such persons as the Governor-General, the Minister of Militia and others, into whose care is entrusted the policies of the Dominion.

lon. Waited upon by the foreigners these distinguished guests were liable to "drop" a word forgetting that the waiters would "pick it up." After the guests had left the waiters had been heard to discuss what the guests had mentioned, apparently in private conversation.

"Are they naturalized?" asked The Journal.

"Not one quarter of them," was the reply.