

WILL MAKE REPRISALS ON GERMAN PRISONERS

Mutinous Prisoners Here Will be Court Martialed if Lonsdale is Shot.

General Hughes states that if Private Lonsdale, the English prisoner in Germany, is shot there will be reprisals in Canada and the victims will be the mutinous German prisoners at Kingston.

The attempt made by three German prisoners at Fort Henry barracks, Kingston, to injure the guards and escape from the camp for internes may have international developments. The decision of the supreme military court in Germany in imposing sentence of death upon Pte. Wm. Lonsdale, of Leeds, Eng., for attacking a German non-commissioned officer at the military prison camp at Doeberetz has roused the military authorities here. It is claimed that if the sentence is carried out on Pte. Lonsdale, a court martial will be held in Canada and similar sentence meted out to the German prisoners.

Among the German prisoners at Kingston is a well known German officer, holding the rank of count in the German Empire and a holder of large properties in the west. It is claimed that he was the ringleader in the attack upon the guards.

In Pte. Wm. Lonsdale's case the evidence goes to show that he only struck the non-commissioned officer under extreme provocation, while in the case of the prisoners at Fort Henry barracks, a deliberate attempt was made without the slightest provocation on the part of the military authorities to do away with the guards and escape from the prison.