

## GUARD THE CROP

There have been rumors of activity of German sympathizers in the United States, of active plotting to "punish Canada" for going to the assistance of the motherland. One of the means suggested of inflicting a severe blow is to burn the western crop. There are in the vast waving western wheat fields, many alien enemies who have been undisturbed and in whom the belief has been fostered, it is stated, that they are left alone because the Canadians would not dare touch them. Some of these people no doubt are of the reckless criminal classes that might be induced to undertake such a desperate measure. It has been urged that a more strict watch over them be maintained. The danger to the crop will be from the time it ripens till it is landed in Europe. It might be destroyed by fire when ready to cut, while in the stook or later in the elevators. Terminal elevators have been and will, no doubt, be carefully guarded, therefore the principle danger, if danger exists, is while on the ground.

The holiday planned for the Canadian troops, in the harvest fields, may be after all one of the most effective preventative measures possible. The presence in the neighborhood of trained soldiers, though following the peaceful occupation of harvesting, may be one of the best preventative measures that could be conceived.