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Dynamite Theft—Party
Owned but 17 Cents

Nothing of an incriminating nature was found on the three Germans who were brought into Montreal yesterday morning by High Constable Boisvert, of Sweetsburg, on suspicion of having been implicated in a recent theft of some 400 pounds of dynamite from the construction camp of the Montreal & Southern Counties Railway at Ste. Cesaire. The three men were all Germans, who had broken their undertaking not to leave Montreal without permission, and were, therefore, interned without further ceremony by Major W. E. Date, the Provost Marshal. They are now in custody at the detention house for alien enemies on St. Antoine street, and will be sent on to Fort Henry, near Kingston, with several other prisoners, within a few days.

The three men were all Germans who had been living in Montreal for some time. They were Heinrich Koch, machinist, of 129 Richardson street; Robert Jurgens, bricklayer, of the same address, and Ferdinand Dummel, plasterer, of Longueuil. They had been living in Montreal for some time, and after the war broke out had been registered at the Enemy Aliens' Office and allowed their liberty, with an understanding to report at regular intervals, and not to leave the district without an exeat.

However, the three had broken their undertaking and left Montreal some time ago, since when track of them had been lost by the Provost Marshal. On Thursday the three men were located by Chief Constable Boisvert, of Sweetsburg. They were then tramping on the road between East Farnham and Cowansville. It was plain that they were Germans, two of them hardly speaking a word of English, while the third was able to speak a little.

Chief Boisvert, who was looking for men suspected of stealing dynamite from the Montreal & Southern Counties' construction camp, arrested them on suspicion. He then communicated with the Enemy Alien authorities here, when it was found that all three were registered here, and had broken their parole by leaving the district without permission.

The Provost Marshal decided that as they were vagrants and had broken their parole the best thing would be to intern them.

PARTY OWNED 17 CENTS.

When searched at the Provost Marshal's office, nothing suspicious was found on them. Between the three of them they owned 17 cents, partly in American coppers. Their other belongings consisted of their workmen's tools, their German passports, and some papers, which were found to be of a perfectly innocuous description. They denied any knowledge of dynamite thefts, and said they had been tramping together looking for work.

"So far as we are concerned," said Major Date, the Provost Marshal, yesterday, "we have nothing to connect them with any dynamite robbery, or any other form of trouble. I regard them as simply three vagrants, and whether they ever worked for the Montreal & Southern Counties Railway, or were connected with any dynamite theft, I have no evidence. They are all uneducated men, and only one of them is able to speak a little English. While they did not seem to be at all dangerous, it was considered best to intern them, since they were evidently vagrants who had broken their parole, and were, therefore, better in an internment camp than roaming the country perhaps heading for the American boundary. We have six or eight other Germans here, and they will all be sent to the internment camp at Fort Henry together."

No trace has yet been discovered of the dynamite alleged to have been stolen from the Montreal & Southern Counties' construction camp, but a rigorous search is being made for it, both by the military and by officers of the company.