

BELIEVED EXPLOSION WAS AN ACCIDENT

Parry Sound Plant a Heap of Ruins—Alien Spies Not Responsible

Parry Sound, Nov. 23.—Now that the panic following the explosion at the Nobel plant has subsided it is thought that the catastrophe was the result of an accident and was not caused by German spies as was at first suspected, although the finding of a lighted bomb at one of the buildings two weeks ago gave color to the latter theory. Four of the store houses where the gun cotton is dried were exploded, two apparently going up in the first explosion and two others situated about two hundred yards distant, being blown up by the shock, while another pair were so damaged they will have to be rebuilt. There was little left to catch fire. The ambulance corps rushed to scene expecting to find many killed, but the only person hurt was standing about two hundreds yards from the building. He was knocked unconscious but quickly recovered. The company of soldiers under Major Storrey, who were taken to the scene last night, returned here this morning.