

SENSATIONAL RUMORS CURRENT IN PEMBROKE  
FOR THE MOST PART PROVE TO BE UNFOUNDED

**Driver Responsible for Circulation of Tale That He Saw Rifles  
and Piles of Ammunition in Lonely House Admits  
He Manufactured Story**

**OLD GERMAN SEES PETAWAWA CAMP;  
IS TAUGHT RESPECT FOR UNION JACK**

**Mischief Makers Have Circulated Reports That Canadian  
Government Would Seize Savings as Forced Loans  
—Farmers Are Burying Their Money**

**From a Staff Reporter.**

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 6.—Rumors that stores of arms and ammunition have been collected at secret rendezvous of the Germans in the country surrounding Pembroke are causing not a little anxiety among certain sections of the townspeople and considerable discussion. That they are groundless, however, generally arising from some excited imagination seems to be the fact. For example, a driver came to town with a story of how he stayed over night at a certain lonely farm house. While there, he said, he inadvertently opened the door of a room which he was astounded to find packed full of stands of rifles, while boxes of ammunition were piled up to the ceiling. Arriving in town he confided his secret to a few friends and soon it was on everyone's lips. Pressed for details, the driver at last admitted that he had manufactured the story out of whole cloth in order to secure notoriety.

**Another Story False.**

Your correspondent was told in great confidence that a certain small storekeeper in Alice township had recently received a box marked "groceries." Suspicion was aroused by the "heft" of the box, and when it was broken open a dozen or more well packed rifles came to light. The task of tracing the story to its source was no easy one. From one person to another the threat led, until it finally connected with a well-known farmer living a dozen miles in the country.

"Why, yes," laughed the farmer when at last found, after a drive through the snow-covered hills of the North country. "I did hear that story, but I don't think there is anything in it. I heard that the young fellow who got the guns was in jail, but as I saw him at the store only yesterday I guess he is not in jail, is he? To tell the truth, I think the man who started the story should be locked up, if anybody is."

**A Motor Boat Dream.**

So much for that rumor. Another story repeated with great glee by pro-British townspeople is that a certain party owned a motor-boat at the outbreak of the war which he called the "Kaiser." He also carried the German flag. If Dame

Rumor is to be believed. This display of disloyalty so angered a good Britisher that he attempted to ram the motor boat with his own craft, but without success. He then secured a rifle and fired at the "Kaiser," hitting it below the water line. When followed up this story also exploded. The boat was never called the "Kaiser," nor did anyone even fire at her, while the owner, so far as anything he has said, is concerned, is a loyal subject of His Majesty.

As regards the political aspect of the situation, it is growing increasingly interesting. The German vote is fully half the total strength in the district.

The Germans here never read the English papers. They get all their information through the German newspaper and some of them blame the Government for sending troops to help Britain.

**One German's Lesson.**

A farmer told me of an old German living near him who paid a visit to Petawawa Camp. Upon preparing to leave, he expressed some objectionable remarks regarding the way the prisoners were treated. He was promptly taken into custody and detained at the camp for a few days to give him actual experience of life there. That seemed to impress him, for when he returned home he promptly raised the Union Jack in his front yard and has left it up ever since, literally "nailed to the mast."

The rumor that the Germans have drawn their money from the Postoffice Bank is apparently correct.

"They are not sending it away as reported, but are burying it in the ground," said the farmer who told the gun incident.

"They believe that the Canadian Government will seize their savings as forced loans, as has been done in Germany, and that they will lose it. Every German farmer has his "Cache" where he has hidden his money. Mr. A. L. Eastcott, Secretary of the Red Cross Fund in Pembroke, stated that one or two Germans in the town have given liberally to the fund, but that the great majority have given nothing."