

SPY OF GERMANS IN LETHBRIDGE JAIL WANTED IN SAN FRANCISCO

**Van Koolbergen Given Year
From Calgary Is Star
Witness**

**KNOWS MUCH OF
BOMB OUTRAGES IN
CALIFORNIA CITY**

**Prisoner Remained in Canada
To Supply Information
About Troops**

(Western Associated Press).

LETHBRIDGE, Alberta, Dec. 16.—Absolute proof that von Montford, the German who was sentenced from Calgary for one year for forgery a week ago and is now in the provincial jail here, is the man Van Koolbergen, who is wanted as star witness in the prosecution of von Brincken and Crowley in bomb outrages in San Francisco, is contained in a letter written to him by his wife from Calgary, which is addressed to him in the name of Koolbergen. The man may be taken by Canadian authorities under guard to San Francisco if he is needed, but no arrangement regarding this has yet been made. Koolbergen was formerly a C.P.R. employee and is supposed to have been agent here for Baron von Brincken.

was on November 14th. Three days later von Montford, or Van Koolbergen, was handed over to the Calgary city police, and arraigned on a charge of forging a check for \$35.

A German Spy.

This was the ostensible charge but afternoons and evenings he spent in a sort of third degree conference with Chief of Police Cuddy, who forwarded to Ottawa the information he pried from the prisoner. The department machine wheels began to revolve and about the same time as Van Koolbergen was sentenced to one year for forgery the American government authorities were taking action against Baron von Brincken. Von Koolbergen had sworn to being a German spy and stated that he had been paid a sum of money to blow up a tunnel on the C. P. R.

Chief Cuddy elicited the information from Von Montford that he was connected with Von Brincken and Crowley in San Francisco, and that he was informed of plots to destroy bridges and railways in Canada, and also to destroy munition plants in the United States.

Von Montford alias Von Koolbergen, is believed to have been the agent of Von Brincken in Canada, and to have resided on this side of the line for the purpose of obtaining information as to the movement of troops and the location of bridges, railways and plants in the dominion.

Wife Creates Scene.

Van Koolbergen's wife, who is a prepossessing Swiss, created quite a scene in the Calgary courtroom when her husband was convicted. She flung herself on her knees before Cuddy and pleaded for mercy. Later when he received his sentence she walked out into the corridors and fainted, and it required three hours medical attention to bring her around. She is being provided for by the associated charities of Calgary during her husband's enforced absence.

Local police authorities do not think that Van Koolberger will be sent to the United States to give evidence. They are inclined to believe that his evidence will be taken here and forwarded to Von Brincken's trial at San Francisco.