

# CAPTURED ELEVEN OF THE ESCAPED GERMAN PRISONERS.

## Huns Who Got Away From Internment Camp at Amherst Were Caught Near the American Border--Good Work Of the Intelligence Staff.

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AMHERST, Jan. 19—The Hun prisoners interned in Amherst will soon realize that with all their native shrewdness the Canadian guards under Col. Morris, will not allow them to enjoy their liberty long. As stated in today's Chronicle, 12 from the internment camp here had escaped some time during Monday night. The discovery was made at eight o'clock Tuesday morning and immediately reported to Col. Morris who at once got in touch with the Divisional Intelligence Staff at Halifax and so efficient is the Intelligence Department there, under the direction of Captain Goodspeed, that complete descriptions of the missing men were at once flashed over the wires with orders to hold all suspects. The result being that eleven of the men have been captured between St. John and the border and a party of guards have gone to bring them back.

Their manner of escape must have entailed long and laborious work. On arrival at the camp, Col. Morris, the Camp Commandant, who has had wide experience, knew that it was impossible for them to escape through the barbed wire entanglements, which were intact and carefully guarded. He, therefore, suspected a tunnel. With his staff and two Indian trackers belonging to the troops, stationed at the camp, a search was made at the outskirts of the camp, resulting in the discovering of a hole under an outbuilding twenty yards from the camp boundary.

The Commandant's orderly who is small in stature crawled in the hole and along a sixty-five foot tunnel, extending under the building and under the lavatory floor. Among the belongings left behind by the prisoners was a small slip of paper containing the following: "Amherst 1.24, Moncton 3.10, St. John 6.15," this corresponding with the train schedules west. It was correctly presumed they had left in this direction, and their quick capture before they had crossed the line proved that the deduction was correct.

The promptness of Col. Morris and the splendid system of identification is a matter for congratulation. The man

still at large is William Wagner, and his capture is also likely to follow.

### CROSSED THE BORDER.

CALAIS, Me., Jan. 19—A situation of international interest developed today, when four men, alleged to be German prisoners of war, who had escaped from a detention camp at Amherst, N. S., were captured on the American side of the border. They had crossed the ice on the St. Croix River, two miles above this city, from the New Brunswick shore. Three of the men had fled to Ayer Junction, where they were about to board a west-bound train, when H. C. Gillis, a United States Immigration Inspector, arrested them. Another was caught here.

Agents of the Canadian Government in this city, said that formal proceedings would be started at once, through the administration at Ottawa and the British Ambassador at Washington, seeking the return of the alleged fugitives to Canadian soil. The Immigration Department, however, it is understood, will first pass upon the status of the men as applicants for admission to the country. A special board of inquiry is expected to be ordered soon.

In this connection, local immigration officers today recalled that an escaped German prisoner of war, arriving in Boston recently, as a stowaway on a vessel after he had fled from a French prison, was admitted to the country upon fulfillment of the ordinary immigration requirements.

The men apprehended here gave their names as William Schroeder, Gustave Hortwig, George Kleinworth, and Hans Neu. Despatches from Amherst, N. S., say that the prisoners of those names were among the twelve who escaped from the detention camp there Monday night.

Seven of these prisoners were captured in New Brunswick today, according to reports from the Dominion militia authorities. Four were taken into custody at St. Stephen, N. B., removed by only a few miles from the American line, and three more at McAdam Junction, also very close to the border. A twelfth man, William Wagner, was said to be still at large.