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An Arrest Made at Windsor on Orders From Ottawa

MAN TAKEN FROM A TRAIN

Says He is a Belgian Musician and
That He Recently Played Before
the Duke of Connaught—The Ot-
tawa Statement.

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Windsor, Feb. 4.—Taken from a Canadian Pacific train at the Michigan Central tunnel depot here late this afternoon by Provincial Officer James P. Smith, a man giving his name as Charles Strony, twenty-eight years old, and who claims to have been born in Belgium, is being held at police headquarters on the possibility that he may be implicated in the destruction of the Parliament Buildings at Ottawa. Instructions were received from Col. Sir Percy Sherwood, Chief of Dominion Police, by telephone, ordering Strony's arrest. The description given by Col. Sherwood was incomplete, but the number of the railway ticket held by Strony tallied with that given by the Ottawa authorities.

Delay in Instructions.

Difficulty was experienced in getting telephone connection with Ottawa, and it was not until 1.40 p.m. that Detective Smith was able to fully understand the order of Col. Sherwood.

The Canadian Pacific train was due to arrive at 2 o'clock, but to make certain that Strony had not travelled via Grand Trunk the officer first met the westbound Grand Trunk flyer at the same time sending instructions to the Canadian Customs officers at the Michigan Central Depot to hold the Canadian Pacific train until his arrival.

Customs Officers Bennett and Wallace, acting on these orders, refused to allow the train to enter the tunnel and the passengers were closely watched.

Abuse of a "Gentleman."

After examining the passengers on the Grand Trunk train, Detective Smith and Charles Jenkins, Chief of the Pinkerton Detective Agency at Detroit, searched the C. P. R. train. Strony was found in the parlor car, and it is said that when asked to produce his ticket he protested loudly that he was a "gentleman and not entitled to such abuse."

The serial number of Strony's railway ticket agreed with that given by Col. Sherwood, and Strony was then informed that he was wanted by the Government for being one of several

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men suspected of planting explosives in the Parliament Buildings.

Muscleman Before the Duke!

Stromy indignantly denied any connection with the fire, and declared that he was a muscleman, a subject of Belgium, and had played before the Duke of Connaught and members of the Duke's staff at Ottawa last Thursday afternoon.

Passport a Forgery?

He speaks with a decided foreign accent and produced a passport issued apparently by a Belgian Consul at a point in Canada in September, 1915. Stromy's photograph appears at one corner of it.

According to the message received by Smith from Col. Sherwood, Stromy left Ottawa on Thursday night two hours after the fire started. It is alleged that certain papers were found which implicated him in a plot to bomb Ottawa. He will be held at Windsor pending further instructions from Ottawa. Col. Sherwood gave orders that the prisoner was not to be interviewed by newspaper men.

Dragnet for Suspects.

Ottawa, Feb. 4.—Although ostensibly scouting the theory of incendiarism, Dominion authorities are drawing the net around every possible suspect, and the detective staff is busy following all clues. Numerous rumors have been reported to Col. Sherwood of alleged suspicious characters around the corridors within the past few days. So far, however, it is declared that nothing has been shown pointing to any real evidence that there were alien enemy plotters in the building. However, Col. Sherwood confirmed tonight the story of the arrest of a suspect at Windsor, Ont., and intimated that there will be more arrests. He declined, however, on being interviewed by your correspondent, to give any particulars or to say that the circumstances of the fire pointed in any way to incendiarism.

With regard to the Windsor arrest, he merely said that the man arrested was known to have left Ottawa after the fire broke out, and that the police thought it wise to detain him and make inquiries before he crossed the American border. No definite charge has been laid.

A searching investigation has been ordered by the Government, and only such an investigation will satisfy in the present temper of the people.