

KALTSCHMIDT QUILTS HIS CLUB IN ANGER

Refuses to Answer Frank Question When Put to Him

OVER HIS INDICTMENT

He Boasts That He is a Subject of the Kaiser

Detroit, Feb. 15. — Albert Kaltschmidt, who lives in Detroit, but boasts that he is not an American citizen, but a subject of the Kaiser, tendered his resignation from the Detroit Tennis Club at the club's annual meeting last Thursday night. The withdrawal was accepted unanimously.

During the tennis season last fall, while Kaltschmidt was a "regular" on the courts of the club, an exclusive organization with a membership limited to 100 and a long waiting list, the charges that Kaltschmidt was connected with dynamiting "jobs" in Canada were given wide publicity. There was a noticeable drop in the temperature in Kaltschmidt's immediate vicinity at the tennis club when his indictment by the Canadian Government was found.

Not Wanted as Partner.

Kaltschmidt ranked among the best of the tennis sharps at the club, rating about fifteenth in the list of experts. He had always been popular, and was welcomed in all of the games.

But the rumors of his connection with the dynamiting outrages had a distinct effect. He found great difficulty in getting any opponent worthy of his steel, and as to partnership games — the temperature dropped to zero when Kaltschmidt appeared.

One night, in the locker room of the club, when dozens of the members were loitering, Kaltschmidt raised his voice in protest at the treatment which he was receiving. The burden of his song was that in an organization like the Detroit Tennis Club, good sportsmanship and good fellowship should rule and it should make no difference what outside prejudices might be.

His answer came, clear cut and with remarkable promptness, from one of the most popular of all the members.

"Mr. Kaltschmidt," was the answer, "I believe that you are a man of your word, and I would take your own word of honor against any gossip or reports about you. If you would give me your word of honor that the reports that are in circulation about you are without basis of truth, I will take your word for it, and any gossip about you will fall on deaf ears."

No "Cross-Examination."

To which frank and decidedly sportsmanlike proposition, Kaltschmidt replied that he would be cross-examined by no man, and left the locker room in peevish mood, without making any reply to the open question that was put to him.

Thereafter, Kaltschmidt's ostracism at the Tennis Club was a thing complete and impressive. So his letter of resignation was handed to the retiring president, Charles Spicer, who read it at the annual meeting. The letter stated that Kaltschmidt wanted to be taken as a sportsman, and not as a citizen of any particular country, and if he could not be assimilated in the organization on his sportsmanship, felt that he should tender his resignation.