

GERMAN GOES INSANE

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Has Been Drinking Heavily And His Mind Has Become Unbalanced — Ran Out Of Boarding House During Night Scantly Attired.

Crying out that a man was going to murder him, Henry Pollex, a German, employed at the Locomotive Works, ran out of his boarding house, on Ontario street, about 3 o'clock on Thursday morning, very scantily clothed, and minus his boots, and caused great excitement. He was rounded up by Constables Arniel and Cotter and locked up in a cell at the police station. Vagrancy was the charge put against him in the Police Court, and Magistrate Farrell remanded him, in order that he might undergo medical examination.

He has been drinking very heavily, and it is believed that his mind has become unbalanced. Although drinking, he has lost no time at his work. He worked on Wednesday night until 12 o'clock but shortly after his arrival at the boarding house, he commenced to talk strangely and declare that there was a plot on foot to murder him. He is married, but his wife is at present visiting in Montreal.

The accused had a long story to tell Magistrate Farrell about the plot to kill him, and the man's sad plight was most pitiable.

"I heard two men talking and they said that they were going to hang me," said Pollex to the Magistrate. "That was the reason why I ran out of the house. I ran to save my life and I was just in time. I want protection. I am no vagrant as I have been working steadily since December 1st."

Pollex, according to one of the boarders at the house, where he has been staying was all right, when he came from work on Wednesday night, but that shortly afterwards, he went suddenly insane. After getting into bed he got up and put the bed against the door, stating that men were coming in to kill him. Afterwards he ran out of the house.

After being placed in a cell at the police station, the prisoner still kept saying that men were going to shoot him. He said that one man who was implicated in the plot owed him \$11, and he made the request that this amount be collected so as his burial expenses could be met.

It is believed that apart from drink, worry over the war has caused the German's downfall.