

ALLEGED SPY CAUGHT

Suspect at London—Was Drawing
Maps of Ontario.

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London, Ont., Feb. 25.—After a chase of five miles through woods and swamps, Detective Harry Downs last night captured Benjamin Knight, alias McLennan, alias McMurray. He is held on a charge of vagrancy, but is suspected of being a German spy from Detroit. Whether he is a lunatic or pretends to be one to fool them is puzzling the police.

Word came from Lakeside yesterday morning that a man who had arrived ten days ago was busying himself making photographs and sketches of roads and Government towers and was asking for all sorts of information. Detective Downs went out and found him, but Knight fled to a swamp, using every artifice to hide his tracks. When arrested he talked nonsense, declaring that Sir Adam Beck, Premier Hearst and Hon. W. J. Hanna are all spies closely in league with the Kaiser. Knight declared he will have them interned. He said he had been left a large fortune by his people in England, but had lost it speculating in Detroit.

Nothing important was found in his pockets. Knight told farmers he was a Government agent. They declare his talk was exactly opposite of the nonsense he talks now and believe he is shamming. Hundreds of farmers gathered at Lakeside Station to see the supposed spy, and the affair has created a sensation in Missouri. Knight was remanded.