

MORE WELAND CANAL PLOTTERS ARE ARRESTED

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Borden announced in the house yesterday that the Canadian army to date were 290,000 in or at the front, and 136,000 are in the rear, and the wastage has been 100,000. The total war cost was \$150,000,000.

Notice of a resolution to provide for the governor-in-council power to be required for war purposes.

ON APPOINTED FUSE SCANDAL

The prime minister in his speech admitted that the government was re-deriving from its original position. The jurisdictional point as to the power of this government to investigate expenditures by the imperial government will be gotten over by obtaining the consent of the imperial authorities to such investigation. A cable has already been sent to the colonial secretary asking for such permission. While no definite charge, in the prime minister's opinion, has been made against any member of the government, he says there is room for the insinuation that Col. J. Wesley Allison took advantage of his personal friendship with the minister of militia to influence him to sanction improper contracts.

Gen. Hughes Asks for Judicial Inquiry

Premier Borden read in the House of Commons the following cablegram received from the minister of militia:

London, March 20.

To the Prime Minister, Ottawa: "Please state to the House that I have no improper connection with contracts referred to or any other contracts. If any suggestion to the contrary is made, I respectfully demand full investigation by the judicial tribunal presided over by Sir Charles Davidson. I shall sail first available date."

(Signed) "SAM HUGHES."

LIEUT. BAKER DECORATED

London, March 31.—King George yesterday decorated Lieut. Edwin Baker, formerly of Niagara Falls, and who has lost the sight of both eyes, with a Military Cross at Buckingham Palace.

Summary

Italy's war dispatches shifted from Vienna reports, a violent Gorizia bridgehead was going on the bridgehead, this must presently is the climax of a long-prepared and take Gorizia. This battle in the general neighborhood of Gorizia, particularly at the front occurred on Wednesday. A desperate and sustained battle

Taylor Ryan Found--Turns Out to be Not Other Than Von der Goltz Himself --- Laid Nerve at Niagara Falls, N. Y.

New York, March 21.—Captain Hans Tauscher, husband of Mme. Johanna American agent of the Krupp and several other big munition manufacturers of Germany and Austro-Hungary, was arrested yesterday afternoon on a charge of having set on foot a military enterprise to blow up the Welland canal.

The captain, much crestfallen, in his natty attire and dignified demeanor, was arraigned before Commissioner Houghton and held in \$25,000 bail for a hearing on April 13th.

Captain Tauscher, who is accused of having financed and directed a plot to destroy the waterway in September, 1914, just one year before the time that Paul Koenig, the German secret service agent, planned, according to the government authorities, a similar undertaking, is by far the most important person arrested thus far in the federal investigation into Germany's alleged secret undertakings in this country to hamper the allies.

Expert on Ordnance.

He has been, according to information obtained from authorities, a most important cog in the invisible machinery built up by Germans in America. A man of wealth, a figure in grand opera circles because of his wife, and distinguished in business matters because of his ability and the enterprises he represented, he has been a staunch supporter of the Teutonic cause. He is said to be Germany's expert here on all matters of ordnance and as such every matter of this nature was referred to him for his opinion and suggestion.

Since the outbreak of the war he was one of Captain von Papen's right-hand men until the latter's recall because of improper activities in military matters. He was in Berlin at the beginning of the European war and as a reserve army captain he volunteered his services, but, according to his own statement to federal investigators, he was told to come to this country and report to Captain von Papen. He did so and received instructions which he has refused to divulge.

Stores Ammunition

Captain Tauscher looms in still another phase. Because of the nature of his business he was the buyer and seller of arms and ammunition and he has stored in this country munitions valued at almost \$1,000,000. He sold arms and ammunition extensively to Mexicans, shipped similar supplies to South America and the far east. One shipment which he had planned to make is reported to have been stopped some time ago by the federal authorities.

The alleged plot for which Captain Tauscher was arrested and which upon conviction may net him three years in prison and \$1,000 fine, has been told in detail by Major Baron Horst von der Goltz, the young German who recently was sent to this country by England on the condition that he would tell what he knows about plots of destruction framed by Germans in America. He is said to be only one of several con-

cerning which von der Goltz will testify and which, according to reports, implicates other Germans of distinction in this country.

That Welland Plot

The story behind the legal phrase of the complaint made against him William M. Oflley, local head of the bureau of the department of justice filled with dramatic touches. Every detail is reported to be backed up by irrefutable corroborating evidence, all that was needed by the federal authorities to complete their case was direct narrative of von der Goltz, participant in the hazardous undertaking.

Captain Tauscher, as the driver and the financier of the work, is said to have received funds from Teutonic purses in this country. In fact, checks left here by Captain von Papen and the check-stub book taken from the military attaché at Palermo shows payments by the latter to Captain Tauscher and to men accused of being in the plot.

The stalwart, polished captain said to have made arrangements for buying a large quantity of dynamite and other high explosives—enough to fill six suit cases—to have furnished revolvers for the conspirators, guns and electrical equipment for setting off the explosives and maps of the Welland canal. He is reported to have given instructions to men who were sent with five or six German reserves, three or four men are still to be arrested—to Buffalo and thence to Niagara Falls, where the expedition was to set out to Canada.

Delivered on Dark Night.

The dynamite was bought from one of the big ammunition concerns in this country and arrangements were made for its delivery in September, 1914, aboard a steamship anchored off the Statue of Liberty. Thither the conspirators, excepting Captain Tauscher hurried one dark night in a motorboat. They loaded the explosives on the boat and sped back to the city.

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Stamford Station Gutted by Fire

Fire early this morning razed to the ground the Stamford N. E. & T. C. station. The fire was discovered at 2 a. m., but by that time it was so intense that it would be impossible to save the structure.

The trolley wires were both burned down and one of the poles destroyed. A gang of men were on the spot early and the wires were replaced before 6 o'clock and there was no interruption of traffic. The loss will amount to \$100 and is covered by insurance. Practically the only way to put out the fire was with snow and that was a mighty slow process. It was feared at one time that the bridge would be destroyed but there was no wind and it was saved. Mr. A. G. Bridge saw the blaze and sent in the alarm to the city barns.

and carried the material to a boardinghouse. They packed the explosives in suit cases, equipped themselves with revolvers and then took a train from the Grand Central station on September 14, 1914, for Buffalo.

One of the men was Baron von der Goltz. Another was Alfred J. Fritzen, whose name is mentioned in the complaint. The names of the other conspirators are withheld by the authorities. Arriving in Buffalo with their varied assortment of dynamite, electric generators, fuses and the like, the men took another train for Niagara Falls.

Who Taylor Ryan is.

There they worked on their plans to put the scheme into effect. They remained in Niagara Falls for several days and in the course of that time they received money. Captain von Papen's check book shows a payment of \$200 to Taylor Ryan on September 16, 1914. Taylor is none other than

von der Goltz, who used that name to get an American passport before leaving this city some weeks afterwards. On September 22nd, von Papen's check book records a payment of \$200 to Ryan, Buffalo.

The enterprise, however fell through, why the authorities refuse to tell at this time, but it is hinted it was a case of "cold feet."