

Don't Run, Folks, Your Scalps Still Are Safe

Officials Brand "Scare Story" About Austrian Seditious As Fake

Don't worry, folks. There is no danger of a band of bloody-thirsty Austrians swooping down upon Winnipeg and visiting the fate of Belgium upon the unarmed inhabitants.

Official Winnipeg—both military and civil—is laughing today over the "scare story" published Saturday in a local paper, regarding a "nest of sedition" said to have been found in the Broad Valley district of St. George constituency. The article in question, says Chief of Provincial Police Elliott, is an obvious fake.

The newspaper declared that the provincial police had been ordered to thoroughly probe "reports of sedition among 300 Austrians who are said to have secreted heavy rifles in the bush, with the object of killing British settlers."

"About the only one who has ordered us to probe any such thing,"

declared the chief today, "is the man who apparently provided this sensational story for the newspaper which printed it."

Attorney-General A. B. Hudson who was quoted in the article, denied all knowledge of the story. He said a long time ago a man was sent to Broad Valley by Chief Elliott, but what it was about the minister did not know.

Chief Elliott was asked about this mission. After some deep thinking he recollected sending a man out several weeks ago to investigate the reported theft of a tent and some other articles which had been stolen in the bush of that district.

Search of the official records proved that the person to whom this tent belonged was the same individual as reported the wholesale sedition.

Reference to the local military intelligence office elicits the information that no credence is placed in "the informants" reports.

"This is not the first scare story we have had from the same source," the army men say.