

# INTERNED AUSTRIANS

## RIOT AT KAPUSKASING

Cochrane, Ont., May 16.—Twelve hundred interned alien enemies and three hundred Canadian soldiers who had them under guard were participants in a wild and turbulent outbreak at Kapuskasing Camp, 70 miles from here, on the National Transcontinental, and the result of the outbreak reported here is one dead, nine badly wounded and four others injured.

The full military guard of three hundred soldiers was necessary to put down the disturbance.

The outbreak is the culmination of a series of troubles among a band of Austrians interned at Petawawa. When the situation early last week assumed threatening proportions and promised to become too serious for the Petawawa guard to cope with, six carloads, or about three hundred Austrians, were removed to Kapuskasing Camp as a precautionary measure. On the journey they were in charge of a strong military guard.

On Friday morning at ten o'clock some of the new arrivals were ordered to do some camp chores. Reports received here say that the Austrians objected to doing manual labor, claiming that they were within their rights.

While the leaders were talking with the military officers the balance of the newly arrived Austrians rushed the place, the soldiers being compelled to fix bayonets. There were, here and there, attempts at escape. Some shots were fired at fleeing Austrians, but nearly all the injured, it was said tonight, had received their wounds by being forced against the points of the bayonets.

Colonel Royce, who is in charge of the camp, has made a special report to the militia department at Ottawa and Brigadier-General Loggie was ordered to make a full investigation.

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No details have yet been received regarding the outbreak of Austrian prisoners at the Kapuskasing, Ont., internment camp. One report says that four of the prisoners had been killed and fifteen wounded.

There are two thousand Austrians and a few Germans in the camp. They were considered harmless and were allowed to be removed from the stricter surveillance of the other prison camps in the South and to go into the new camp in the North where they have been engaged in clearing the land for homesteads which it was expected they would be permitted to take up after the war is over.