

Discovery of Plot Prevents Escape

Golden, B.C., Oct. 5. — The timely discovery by the guards at the internment camp between Golden and Field recently frustrated a desperate attempt of the fifty odd prisoners to escape. The prisoners occupy a tent twelve feet from the stockade. With tools fashioned from knives and other metal they tunnelled beyond the stockade, stowing the dirt beneath the bunks on the floor, and trampled smooth. A candle box covered with a blanket served as a tram car to haul dirt from the tunnel. It was necessary to tunnel twelve feet from the stockade to get beyond the radius of lights from the sentry walk, and the prisoners had made a total of fourteen feet out of the twenty-four when the plot was discovered. The prisoners were lined up and searched, and each had fashioned a dirk from table knives ready to give battle to the guards when the break was made. For some time the prisoners have been surly, and it was necessary to place some on short rations and inflict punishment. Three weeks ago one Austrian escaped from the camp and has not been captured.