

# KALTSCHMIDT HAD BEEN ACTIVE HERE

## Police Had Interview With Him and Issued Warning

## THEN HE DISAPPEARED

## Officials Think He Was Co- operating With Dr. Dernberg

"Dr. Dernburg's right hand man." The phrase was used by the police of Toronto. They told The Daily News that that was what A. Kaltschmidt was.

They knew Kaltschmidt. They had him up to interview them in the Detective Department. They warned him about expressing his pro-German sentiments. Next day they lost track of him.

Kaltschmidt was well-known at the King Edward Hotel, which he made his stopping place on his frequent visits to the Toronto branch of the Walkerville, Ont., factory, of which he was the general manager. The frequency of Kaltschmidt's visits to the King Edward is indicated by the fact that this year he was there on January 26th, February 9th and 12th, and on March 1st. Then the visits suddenly stopped.

### Wrote to Papers.

Kaltschmidt wrote letters to the Toronto press. They were not published, but the police heard of them. They went to see him at the King Edward. Then Kaltschmidt returned the visit, and after that he cut the Toronto police dead.

"He was Dr. Dernburg's right hand man," said one of the detectives.

"I felt more like shooting the man than talking to him," said one of the Toronto men whom Kaltschmidt had tried to interest in the Walkerville Company. "I knew trouble would come sooner or later. I did not want to have anything to do with the man."

Had he seen any indications then of the dynamiting activities with which the name of Kaltschmidt has been connected since? The reply did not go far, but was negative as far as it went.

The directors of the Company, when they heard of Kaltschmidt's pro-German activities, demanded a full statement of the company's standing, for they were practically in Kaltschmidt's hands. Then they let him go.

### Personal Spite.

"Perhaps personal spite, added to national sentiment, had something to do to induce Kaltschmidt to take action against Canada," suggested The Daily News. Its informant smiled. "He did not need the inducement of revenge," said he.

"I did not write anything that was not justified," said Kaltschmidt to the Toronto police, about the letters he had written. The police did not think they had sufficient grounds for interning Kaltschmidt and contented themselves with warning him. The warning took effect. Kaltschmidt disappeared from the city.

### Not An American.

The police denied that Kaltschmidt was an American citizen. The Daily News was informed that he was born in Silicia. A director stated that Kaltschmidt was undoubtedly an able man. He understood he was an American. He spoke English well, but with an accent. Since he had been released by the company he had lived in Detroit. "Busy in the activities which have since materialized in the blowing up of the plant at Walkerville."

"The indications are that way." The director had heard nothing of him since his release, save through the newspapers.