

**GERMAN WORKMEN IN PEMBROKE ARE TRUSTED
IN MANUFACTURE OF MUNITIONS FOR ALLIES**

Certain Sections of the Town, However, Have Thoroughly Aroused the Loyal Citizens by Expressing Pro-German Sentiments—Opinion Divided

GERMAN EDITOR ADMITS HE GIVES THE PREFERENCE TO THE GERMAN WAR NEWS

There is No Danger of Any Demonstration as Several Hundred Troops Are Stationed in Town—Some Deposits Have Been Withdrawn From Banks

From a Staff Reporter.

Pembroke, Dec. 4.—Residents of this place are thoroughly aroused over the revelations within the past few days regarding the pro-German sentiments expressed by certain sections of the town. Opinion is sharply divided as to what course should be pursued. Responsible citizens who have extensive business interests appear to want the whole matter hushed up, declaring that publicity will do the town no good. On the other hand men of equal standing are strong in their opinion, "there are people in Pembroke who should be up at Petewawa Camp."

The air is full of rumors, yet there is a marked disinclination on the part of those responsible for many of them to talk for publication. Just why there should be this reticence is a question, but the fact that there have been seven fires recently of unknown origin, may throw some light on the situation.

Troops in the Town.

Of the population of the town, about 30 per cent. are Germans. In the surrounding country this proportion is increased to 50 per cent. There is little danger of any demonstration, however, even should any of the residents be inclined to indulge in one, as there are more than 300 troops stationed in the town. The present storm seems to be centred around the office of The Deutsche Post, of which Mr. E. B. Christiansen is proprietor and editor. Fortified with reports and statements secured from well-known residents The Toronto Daily News correspondent called on Mr. Christiansen to-day.

More German "News."

"Is it true," he was asked, "that you publish only the German official statements of the war?"

"We publish both," was the reply.

"Do you give the same prominence and space to the Allies' statements as to the Germans?"

"Well, naturally we give greater prominence to the German news. The English papers give our people all they want to know about the Allies' side of the war, so we give them more of the German. We do occasionally print the English statement. We have access to both."

"Do you know that there have been complaints about your paper?"

"I heard there were. Copies are in the library of the Houses of Parliament; if anyone objects, why don't they say so?"

The Cavell Case.

"Is it true that you expressed the opinion that you did not see what all the fuss was over the execution of Miss Edith Cavell?"

Mr. Christiansen—"I do not know the particulars about the execution of Miss Cavell and so cannot express an opinion. There are legal aspects to the situation of which I know nothing. We honor Miss Cavell as a woman who did her best for her country."

"Do you blame the German military authorities for having her shot?"

"That is something I cannot express an opinion on."

In spite of the fact that Mr. Christiansen holds this view, it is reported in town, on good authority, that he did express the opinion, "If Miss Cavell were convicted as a spy, the fact that she was a woman should not protect her from the death penalty."

Deposits Are Withdrawn.

Mr. A. E. Dunlop, M.P., when told that The Deutsche Post was practically printing only the German reports of the war, expressed complete surprise. He declared emphatically that he would make it his business to see that such a state of affairs does not longer exist. Among other well-founded rumors circulated in the town, is one to the effect that the German residents have drawn large amounts from the postoffice and other savings banks. Recently in Eganville over \$400,000 was withdrawn.

Many Are Trusted.

There are large plants in the town manufacturing munitions. Many of the employees are German, but the proprietors trust them implicitly some having worked for them for many years. As the situation now stands, the German part of the population is very much under suspicion, while, on the other hand, it is recognized that there are many Germans who are loyal to the land of their adoption. Two statements made by some citizens sum up the situation. "One has only to stand near the newspaper bulletin board to hear what the real pro-German thinks of the war," he declared. "While only yesterday a good German lady actually cried because of the suspicion thrown over herself and her friends."