

Alien Vanishes; Found Arrested

Is Held in Connection With a Man Captured at Niagara

Ernest Melcher was sitting at his desk in the office of a firm of paper importers, on King west, yesterday morning, when a grey-suited young man entered the office and opened conversation with him. Presently they went out together. Melcher did not return.

His employer, the Toronto manager of the firm, became anxious. Knowing that the growing feeling against Germans might force him out of business, Melcher had taken to sitting up late at night studying Greek and Latin and other subjects for his matriculation as he planned to enter university to go in for the law or the ministry. He has been in this country for a number of years, and though he was born in Germany he intends to make Canada his home. He is in fact engaged to the widow of a minister of the gospel. The manager feared that overmuch study might have affected him.

He communicated with the Detective Department. While they knew nothing of the man they jumped to the conclusion that he might have attempted to cross the border for some reason best known to himself.

The manager continued his investigations among the police and military authorities. To-day he was informed that Mr. Melcher had been detained by the authorities in connection with a man arrested at Niagara, as a witness, he understood