

# **SISTER CITY OF NIAGARA FALLS**

## **NEW YORK IS AN ARMED CAMP**

### **Militia Guarding Factories, Special Officers and Searchlights Employed — Plants are Giving Employees Military Drill and Instruction.**

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 28.— Industrial Niagara Falls is virtually an armed camp. Militiamen and large numbers of special officers guard every manufacturing plant and power house in the city. Every precaution is being taken to prevent cranks or plotters from doing damage to this city.

Searchlights are being placed on many of the plants and put into play at night. Several of these lights have been placed on the river side of the Hydraulic power company and are used in assisting the militiamen in their watch for suspicious intruders. They sweep the river bank from the upper international bridge to the gorge and the Canadian side.

Three searchlights are in operation at the Carborundum plant and sweep all avenues of entry to this concern. There is also a large force of special police doing duty at this plant. No one is allowed on the company's property. Searchlights are also to be placed on the powerhouses of the Niagara Falls Power Company, it is said.

The life of the guardsmen on duty about the Niagara Falls Power com-

pany and the Hydraulic Power company's power house has been uneventful except for one incident this morning. A Buffalo photographer went to the canal basin to get a photograph of the militiamen on duty at the Hydraulic Power company. He was arrested by the guard while snapping the picture. After being reprimanded he was released. The soldiers have orders to arrest anyone found about the power company's property with cameras.

The International Acheson Graphite Company of this city is teaching its employees military tactics. The company was organized and duly officered yesterday. The employees also signed pledges affirming their belief in the policy of the President. These pledges have been in circulation in most of the plants throughout the city.

Every member of E Company who has been out of the city has been called home. All members are expected to be on duty in a few days. First Lieutenant John J. Welch is in charge of the guard forces distributed at both powerhouses here.