

KINGSTON WAS TO BE TAKEN

By German Reservists Located At Watertown, N.Y.

MELODRAMATIC STORY

TOLD BY A GERMAN BIGAMIST
IN NEW YORK.

\$14,000,000 Contributed by Teuton Sympathizers for Purpose of Invading Canada, According to This Amazing Tale.

New York, April 28.—Max Lynar, who includes the name of Count Loudon among his aliases, and whose activities have included desertion from the United States army, told a long and melodramatic story to Assistant District Attorney Minton yesterday about the collapse of the German plot to invade and seize Canada with an army of 120,000 German reservists financed by a \$14,000,000 contribution from German sympathizers.

Lynar had just been sentenced to not less than six months or more than three years in the penitentiary for bigamy when he sent for Mr. Minton and volunteered an amazing tale. He insisted that the facts were known to many reputable persons, and that he himself had placed in the hands of ex-Secretary of War Lindley M. Garrison the perfected plans to seize Canada.

Through German-American interests the plans were made in 1914, he said, and a fund of \$14,000,000 was subscribed to carry out the details. Secret meetings were held in New York, Buffalo, Philadelphia, Detroit, and Milwaukee, and other large cities, and at these meetings, Lynar asserted, it was agreed that a force of 150,000 men, mostly German reservists, was available to seize and hold the Welland canal, strategic points, munition centres, and so on. Of this number 120,000 were to be sent into Canada to garrison these points for the Kaiser.

Kingston In the Scheme.

"We had it arranged," said Lynar, with apparent seriousness, "to send our men from large cities following announcements of feasts and conventions, and I think we could have gotten near enough to carry out our plans had it not been for my arrest on the charge of bigamy. The troops were to have been divided into four divisions with six sections. The first two divisions were to have assembled at Silver Creek, Michigan. The first was to have seized the Welland canal, the second was to have taken Windmill Point. The third was to have gone from Wilson, N.Y., to Port Hope, Canada. The fourth was to have proceeded from Watertown, N.Y., to Kingston, Canada. The fifth was to have assembled near Detroit and land near Windsor. The sixth section was to have been used to leave Cornwall and take possession of Ottawa.

It had been planned to buy or charter 84 excursion and small boats to use in getting into Canada. All of the equipment was to have been put aboard the boats and when quarters for 120,000 men had been found it would have been easy to continue the expedition. The German Government was cognizant of the plan, and maps, etc., were to have been furnished by the German Government.