

ALIEN ENEMY STORIES.

Circumstances are favorable to the growth of stories regarding alien enemies who try in many mysterious ways to put bombs on board boats in port, timed to explode or to start a fire when they have reached the Atlantic. It may be that where there is so much smoke there is a little fire, but most of the stories going around have little basis in fact. One such story blames three Austrians for a plot to blow up a boat which left Montreal lately. The facts were far different from the story which grew out of them. A Belgian, with his home on Dorchester street east, went on board this boat, looking for a job as fireman, and as his papers were all right, he was given the job. Two detectives from the city office went to the wharves with the man's wife and little girl, the wife claiming that the Belgian intended to desert her. The detectives wished to arrest the man, but it was pointed out to them that when a man followed his usual calling by going to sea, that could not be used to show that he intended to desert his wife. They were referred to the Registrar General of Shipping and Seamen in England if they wanted to keep track of the man, and get the portion of his wages to which the wife was entitled.