

# SUSPECTED SPY ON HUNGER STRIKE

Jean Bouchard, Arrested on  
Mountain, Causes Military  
Authorities Trouble

MAY BE FORCIBLY FED

Has Refused to Eat Since Ar-  
rest on Saturday and Is  
Considered Slightly  
Demented

It is thought by the military authorities at the Provost Marshal's Office that Jean Bouchard, the supposed German spy, who was caught on the Mountain early Saturday morning, is not a spy, but merely a man "a bit soft." He is still held by the Provost Marshal, and nothing can be found out about him, while his general behaviour is that of a man who is slightly out of his mind.

In fact it is becoming a question with the authorities at the detention prison for enemy aliens what to do with Bouchard, since he insists on keeping up his hunger strike. He has so far refused to eat, parading for meals with the other prisoners, but declining to eat anything, saying he is not hungry. Major Beauchamp, the medical officer, has looked into his case, but so far has not taken any definite action.

Should Bouchard continue his voluntary course of starvation, which has now lasted since Saturday, it is not improbable that he may be treated as the suffragettes were in England, and given a course of forcible feeding. This, however, depends upon what he does today, and whether he persists in continuing his refusal to eat.

It is the first case of the kind that has occurred at the Provost Marshal's establishment, where generally prisoners are anxious to get all they can to eat, and then call for more. Bouchard will be watched today, and if he continues his hunger strike some other method of dealing with him will be adopted by Major Beauchamp, in the man's own interest.

Bouchard was yesterday examined by Mr. C. G. Ogden, K.C., Registrar of Aliens, but little of importance was discovered. It could not be found from him where he had been employed or what he had been doing before he was arrested on the mountain, and no coherent story could be got from him. He is therefore being held for further enquiry.

It was stated at the Provost Marshal's office yesterday that Bouchard was a small man, lightly built, and that he had been very quiet since his arrest, refusing to either talk or eat, and it was hard to find out what to do with him. As to any efforts to escape it was stated he had made no such move, but had simply been in a very moody frame of mind—giving the general impression that he was not quite sane.

Major Date, the Provost Marshal, last night stated that Bouchard was being held by him on instructions from Mr. C. G. Ogden, the Registrar of Enemy Aliens. Bouchard claims he had about \$300 when arrested, and any money or other things he had in his possession when he was taken in custody will be held by the Registrar until his case is dealt with.

Bouchard yesterday demanded to have his money returned, but otherwise he was perfectly quiet, and no trouble was experienced with him. It is expected that his case will be dealt with in a day or two when his state of mind is decided. When taken into custody some curious maps and plans, with notes in German were found in his possession. Since his arrest, however, Bouchard has insisted that his only language is French.