

SUSPECTED SPY SEIZED AT RIGAUD

Man Admitted Having Threatened to Blow Up Explosive Works

CLAIMED IT WAS A JOKE

Found This Was No Time for Such Humor—Believed to Be German, but Said He Was Italian

A suspected German spy was brought into the Registrar of Enemy Aliens yesterday morning from the Rigaud Explosive Works of the Curtiss and Harvey, Limited. The man gave the name of Luigi Maigne, and claimed to be an Italian, from the northern part of Italy. It was, however, suspected that he was a German agent of some sort, and his appearance and language strengthened these suspicions. The immediate cause of his arrest was the fact that his fellow workmen at Rigaud had heard him threaten to blow up the explosive plant.

It was stated at the office of the Registrar of Enemy Aliens on St. Antoine street, that Maigne had been working at the Rigaud plant of the Curtiss and Harvey, Limited, an English firm, of which Lt.-Col. J. J. Riley is local manager. His actions and language had been so suspicious of late that he was arrested by the special guards at the Rigaud works on Wednesday.

Maigne was then brought before Lt.-Col. J. J. Riley, in his capacity as commanding officer of a militia unit. It was stated by witnesses that he had behaved in a suspicious manner, and had also threatened to blow up the explosives plant.

Maigne, it was stated, had admitted to Lt.-Col. Riley that he had made such threats, but claimed that he had only done this as a joke. After hearing the evidence, Lt.-Col. Riley decided that this was the wrong kind of joke to be attempted in the present circumstances, and ordered the man sent in to the Registrar of Enemy Aliens here.

While Maigne claimed that he was an Italian it was believed that he was a German. It was stated at the Enemy Alien Registration offices that Maigne had lived for some time in Montreal.

In the meantime Maigne was held by the officers, and steps were taken last night to look up his record. It is considered likely that he will be interned and sent to the Enemy Alien Camp at Spirit Lake, but this will be decided today.