

# QUEBEC HARBOR CHARTS FOUND; WORK OF SPY

**F. G. W. Hoffman Working  
for Dominion While on  
Kaiser's Payroll**

(Western Associated Press)

QUEBEC, Nov. 18.—That F. G. W. Hoffman, arrested at Le Pas, Manitoba, Nov. 6, on a charge of spying in Canada for the German government, had copies of charts giving full data for the safe navigation of the harbor of Quebec, was made known this afternoon when the photographic department of Livernois studio, in this city, established from their collection of plates that Hoffman, while he was in the employ of the Quebec harbor commission, had ordered copies of a blue print chart of the harbor from Sillery to the Island of Orleans.

It is not known yet whether these negatives were used to make a number of copies for the personal use of Hoffman, as he was at liberty as a draftsman for the commissioners to go through all the documents belonging to that body, and, who, furthermore, had

the initiative of ordering copies of blue prints, charts, or whatever document he saw fit, without control.

### **Would Help Enemy.**

That the chart, the negative plate of which was found at Livernois studio today, would be of great help to the safe navigation of any ship in the harbor of Quebec, is evidenced by the fact that it shows the exact depths of various points of the harbor, on a frontage of over ten miles, which chart navigators admit would allow a stranger to navigate blind-folded the harbor and its approaches.

Until it is found out from the records of the harbor commission how many copies of this chart were ordered and how many Hoffman ordered from Livernois it cannot be said whether he had extra copies drawn, but this will be known shortly for searches are being made to that effect. What credits the belief that the chart may have been used for a foreign power is the fact that it showed in detail plans of the citadel of Quebec and situation of the various forts erected in the vicinity of the harbor.