

INTERNED ALIENS PLAN TO ESCAPE

Plot Discovered at the Camp at Field and Nipped in the Bud.

Golden, B. C., Dec. 11. — Soldiers guarding interned alien enemies at Field have been sleeping upon their arms during the past week, owing to a discovery of evidence that a break for liberty was contemplated.

Parties from Field report that during the week the guards discovered a general surliness on the part of the prisoners, and, scenting trouble, maintained a closer scrutiny on their movements. When the time came for retiring the men went to their quarters as usual, but many of them remained clothed as if for a journey.

It now develops that the plot included overpowering a guard and making a dash for the hills.

A Timely Discovery.

But for the timely discovery of the plot serious trouble may have resulted.

Owing to the rugged nature of the country and deep snow, escapes could not get far away from the camp unless assisted from the outside, and it is believed that in some manner communication was established with outside parties.

Homesteader Under Arrest.

A stricter supervision is being maintained as regards aliens suspected of being enemies, and during the past week a German homesteader, named Smith, living at Moberly, was brought in by Chief Constable Sutherland, and is being held in jail pending investigation by the military authorities. Suspicion was attracted to Smith through discrepancy in his statements as to American citizenship and his application for naturalization, in which he deposed that he was a native of Posen, Germany, and had not resided in any country but Canada for four years past.