

German Agents In Canada Are Being Watched

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Ottawa, Aug. 5.—The precautions taken by the militia department to censor all cable and wireless messages going out of Canada, and to take control of all the main sending stations are evidently very necessary. It is known that there are German agents in Canada, who are under instructions from the German government to obtain and forward all possible information with regard to Canadian defence plans. The Dominion police, and the intelligence branch of the militia department, as well as all commanding officers at forts or other strategic points, have been instructed to keep a very careful guard against the possibility of German spies gaining access to information which might be used against either Canada or Great Britain. It is probable that a number of arrests may be made shortly.

Although communication with Germany is supposed to be practically cut off, it is stated in authoritative military circles here that there are undoubtedly means by which information acquired by any German spies in Canada could be transmitted to Germany via the United States, either by wireless or by cable. That such secret information was sent last week before the cable censorship was established, and other precautions taken is known. At the same time the game worked both ways and Great Britain has kept fully informed of German preparedness for war, and of at least the preliminary plans that were being made for the present struggle.

As an evidence of the popular scare which can be easily worked up against German spies it may be noted that a story was brought into militia and police headquarters this morning that four Germans were encamped on the banks of the Ottawa river, near the city, and that they were armed and had sinister designs. The police were sent down to investigate. They found three French-Canadians and one Englishman in a tent. There were no rifles, but there was two bottles of whisky, a bunch of onions, and cheese and crackers.