

GUARDS ON BRIDGES AND ONTARIO CANALS

Railways Between Toronto and Hamilton and Border Increase Forces.

GUARD AT DESJARDINS

Signal Lights Burn on Structure Near the Ambitious City.

The C.P.R. puts no credence whatever in the alleged plot to blow up the Welland Canal and the Hamilton Tunnel. The local office to-day received a telegram from Inspector Catlow of the department of investigation in Hamilton, which read: "Have investigated report. Nothing in it." Over the telephone Inspector Catlow stated that he had no idea how the rumor could have originated.

That within the next 24 hours the police will have under arrest the head of a German organization, formed to further German interests in Canada, was the information received by The Star to-day. The man suspected of being actively engaged in the preparation of a plot to blow up the Welland Canal and the bridges near Hamilton is said to be living in the Beach district here, and while the Detective Department absolutely refused to discuss the case, it is understood that the Provincial Police have been gathering evidence against the suspect for the past five weeks.

U.S. Gives Warning.

The information which led to the guards being doubled on the canal and the placing of railroad constables in the vicinity of the tunnel came, it is declared, from a Washington agent of the United States Government. This man, who was formerly an employe of the Provincial Police, has been in Toronto since the last week in September. The United States agent learned of the activities of a Toronto German while in Washington.

The United States Department, it is claimed, communicated with the department at Ottawa with the result that the Dominion police were assigned to the case, the American agent being sent here to render any assistance possible. For some time he has been stationed at Welland, Buffalo, and in the Niagara district, coming to Toronto on Saturday to report. It is claimed that he furnished sufficient information to the Dominion police to warrant a thorough investigation of the character of an east end resident, now under surveillance.

Plenty of Detectives.

Chief of the C.P.R. detectives for Ontario, H. Catlow left this morning with five of his men for Hamilton to investigate the Hamilton end of the case.

The military authorities here gave the assurance that "the necessary precautions had been taken" in regard to the canal. There have been countless rumors received of activities of Germans, and for some reason Saturdays seem to be the favorite days for these reports. A policy of heeding even rumors, and thus working on the safe side, has been followed; and when a report in regard to the Welland Canal was received the guard was increased three days ago.

The Bridge Guarded.

Canadian Press Despatch.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 2.—Throughout the night railway detectives and local police stood guard over the railway bridges crossing the Desjardins Canal, following the tip furnished the local authorities by the Dominion police of a German plot to wreck these structures and the Welland Canal. The railways have been under guard since the war broke out. While Superintendent Gordon, of the Grand Trunk, and other railway officials here were inclined to place little credence in the rumored plot, it was evident from the precautions taken in sending a squad of armed men out to the canal, that the authorities were taking no chances.