

Joe Snider To Be Tried In Spring

**Prisoner was Trapped by Job Put Up on Him by
Secret Service Agent by "Instructions of
Superior Officer." Younger Sniders
Set at Liberty. Joe Snider is
Committed for Trial**

CASE ONE LIKELY TO HAVE SENSATIONAL DEVELOPMENTS

The three men Snider, father and two sons, of Chippawa, were brought before Magistrate Fraser this morning and charged with treason, in that they conspired to aid and abet a party of four Austrian reservists to join the ranks of His Majesty King George's enemies by attempting to convey the said party over the river Niagara from Chippawa Canada, to the United States.

The chief witness against the three prisoners, who were defended by Mr. D. Budd White, was one "Jack Butarska," a member of the secret service, who described how, "acting under the orders of a superior officer," he himself suggested the piece of work to the elder Snider, and by repeated temptation, spreading over a week, succeeded in inducing Snider to take part in the conspiracy he (the witness Butarska) arranged to convey a party of four men, alleged Austrian reservists, across the river. When Butarska first approached Snider with the temptation, the prisoner refused to have anything to do with the matter. By pressing money upon Snider he (the secret service man) at last extracted a promise from Snider to meet on the Sunday on the State's side. The secret service man (witness) was disappointed on that occasion, as Snider did not turn up. So he went over to Chippawa and hunted him up again. Snider was then induced to promise that he would meet witness on the Wednesday, and ultimately a meeting was effected on the Saturday and the secret service man (witness) with the four alleged Austrian reservists held rendezvous in Snider's house, and there Joe Snider was handed a sum of \$40, understood to be \$10 each per man, which sum was handed him by witness, Butarska, as payment for promising to convey the four over. All arrangements were made for the work

to be done on the Saturday night. Meanwhile Butarska was in communication with the military, and on the Saturday, by prearrangement between the secret service man and the military, a party of soldiers, commanded by Capt Cameron came over and the three Sniders were arrested. Joe Snider was searched for the \$40, which was to be the primary and confirmatory evidence against him. Snider had not the money on him, but it was found in his house. He was taken to Welland prison.

And, that's practically the whole story, as accurately as we can summarize the evidence given before Magistrate Fraser this morning, and Crown Attorney Cowper, who appeared to prosecute for the crown.

Magistrate Fraser, finding no evidence against the Sniders junior, ordered their dismissal. Joe Snider, the elder, had, he said, however, undoubtedly entered into the conspiracy, and he (the magistrate) had only one course open to him, to commit the man to prison for trial at the spring assizes, the date of which is not yet announced. Joe Snider was therefore conveyed to Welland this afternoon, to be detained in prison until a higher court decides whether he is guilty or not guilty of the charge entered against him.

BROUGHT IN BY DEPUTY SHERIFF

Frank Grzin, arrested in Hoboken on a warrant charging him with murder in the first degree in connection with the death of John Skulie, was brought into Niagara Falls, N.Y., from Hoboken last night.

Grzin, alias Gretze, was brought back by Deputy Sheriff Silas Rickert on a warrant issued by Coroner W. A. Scott. Skulie was killed October 25 at Pekin. He was stabbed to death with the tine of a pitchfork.