

THE PLAN OF GERMANY FOR ATTACKING CANADA

Ottawa, Dec. 11.—It is learned that the German plot against Canada was most ingenious and elaborate. Those who devised it took into consideration the custom of making pilgrimages to Ste. Anne de Beaupre, near Quebec city.

The authorities now believe that the concrete foundation built on the island of Orleans by a German manufacturer of cement blocks, a store of rifles and heavy guns which German moving picture men had hidden there last summer, was a surprise attack by German Americans trained in the kaiser's army. The plan was that bands of armed men would assemble at Quebec under the guise of pilgrims to the holy shrine, tant as New Orleans and St. Paul

every summer. So accustomed have the people become to such crowds that five or six thousand strangers attract no attention in Quebec. They and would find arms waiting for them there.

Pilgrims arrive by train loads and boat loads from points as far distant. Germans planned that they could thus with one stroke capture the big guns which guard the St. Lawrence against the assault of hostile craft. They could seize the Canadian rifle and ammunition factories and would be in a position to dominate eastern Canada and open the gates to a general invasion.

Fortunately their plans have come to naught. The British fleet still holds the supremacy of the seas.