

GERMAN RAID ON WINNIPEG FROM U.S. IS RUMORED

Reservist Alleged to Have Given Warning to Friend in Los Angeles

DECLARES 200,000 WILL MAKE ATTACK

Claims 20,000 of Kaiser's Peo- ple in Vicinity Have Guns and Ammunition

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WINNIPEG, Man., Jan. 13.—Rumors are thick in Los Angeles of a proposed raid on Winnipeg by German reservists in the United States. January 27 is the date set for the attack. So persistent are the reports and so numerous the phases that give color of probability to them, that Canadians spending the winter in California are taking the matter seriously, and have sent messages to the Canadian government. The British consul at Los Angeles has also been in communication with Ottawa regarding the matter.

Writing from Los Angeles, January 4, to a friend in Winnipeg, a well-known Winnipegger says in part:

"Several years ago ——— was able to do a German reservist a very great favor and he in return called him up last Friday to say that he wanted to see him and to go to his place at once, which he did. The burden of his trouble was, that knowing we had considerable property interests in Winnipeg, he wished to warn him of impending danger and to take steps to protect his Winnipeg property.

Winnipeg Point of Attack.

"This man was approached by a German officer to go to Winnipeg, which he said was the point of attack, together with Fort Arthur and Fort William, in order to cut the grain and other supplies at these points. He said the recruiting officers told him there were now about 20,000 Germans in Winnipeg and vicinity with arms and ammunition, and that about 200,000 would make the attack and that the date was about January 27."

The letter goes on to relate how prominent Canadians in Los Angeles were called together to discuss the situation, which conference took the matter up with the British consul and also sent messages to Ottawa.

The writer of the letter also relates that he was told by a detective that the plans of the reservists was to ship as many trucks as they could near the Canadian border as quietly as possible, with the armor part in boxes in a knockdown state, ready to be bolted together to form armored trucks. The expedition would then move to Winnipeg.