

POLICE LOOK INTO GERMAN AID SOCIETY

Story is That Help is Given Reservists to Return to Fatherland

REPLIES NON-COMMITTAL

But Admission is Made That Such a Scheme is Probable

Stories floating round to the effect that there is in Toronto a special German society for the purpose of assisting Teutons out of the country and back to the Fatherland to join the Kaiser's army, are not at all discredited by the police. The Detective Department, in fact, takes these rumors seriously, and The Daily News is able to state with authority that the matter is at present receiving the attention of the officers who have been specially detailed off for investigation work in connection with alien enemies in Toronto. Detective Mauser, the Swiss officer attached to the police force, who is thoroughly conversant with the German language, and has been specially appointed to the Detective Department since the war broke out, refused to deny or confirm the rumors. He stated that he would look into the matter.

Refuse Statement.

Other police officers who were approached on the matter also refused to make any direct statement, although none ridiculed the story. Detective-Sergeant Mackie thought the presence in Toronto of such a society was extremely probable. Asked whether his department was making any special efforts to get to the truth of the story, the officer had this to say:

"We are always looking into rumors of this description. I think it is quite possible that there is such a society in Toronto. I cannot say whether we have found any proofs bearing out these stories. However, the matter is receiving our attention."

And so, although the police refuse to commit themselves to any positive statement, it would certainly appear as if they credit the stories about the existence of the German organization in question.