

SECRET ORGANIZATION OF ALIENS ALLEGED

Three German Poles Arrested Suspected of Attempt to Blow Up Magazine

(Special Despatch to The Globe.)

Cobalt, March 10.—The existence of a widespread organization of alien enemies who are drilling as members of a secret society, and who have arms, if not actually proven, is at least very definitely indicated as the result of the investigation of an attempted blowing up of a powder magazine at the Kendall shaft of the Nipissing Mine at the beginning of this month. As a result of an investigation by ex-Inspector Duncan, three German Poles have been arrested, viz.: Tom Syska, John Syska and Walter Haentsel. These men all live together in one shack on the Nipissing ground.

After the attempt at explosion had been discovered Tom Syska was under suspicion because he was discharged from his position as chore boy, and he had shown resentment. He admitted the theft of some lard, but denied having anything to do with the attempted explosion. But a German paper printed in Toledo was found inside the magazine with Walter Haentsel's name on the corner. When shown the paper Tom Syska admitted what he had done, and implicated the two other men.

He said that the two other men had stolen the dynamite and fuse for the deed, and he had attempted to set it off. There were 5,450 pounds of dynamite in the magazine, and he had placed a fuse inside a stick of dynamite and lit the fuse. It was damp, and would not burn, and he had taken it out, and in the darkness had turned it around, cut off the cap and pumped a damp fuse into the dynamite. Even then it had burned within half an inch of the dynamite before the spark went out, and the boxes containing the dynamite were charged. Further questioning elicited the fact that he was a member of a secret society, of which members were arrested in Timmins recently. He said that he was wrought up to the deed at one of the meetings.

It is known that there are thousands of alien enemies in the north. When the order came that all weapons belonging to alien enemies were to be seized, the police were able to find only twelve in the district, when it was a well-known fact that every shack usually contained two or three rifles. Vigorous search will now be made for these weapons. Though it is difficult to ascertain accurately through an interpreter, it is learned that these men have been drilling regularly, and have secret signs and passwords. The further investigation will probably be turned over to Dominion authorities.