

# COBALT WAS SAVED

BY BLUNDER OR GERMAN WHO  
CUT WRONG FUSE.

In Attempting To Explode 120 Cases  
Of Dynamite In Nipissing Powder  
Magazine — Plot Is Charged.

Cobalt, March 11.—A piece of fuse about two inches long, to which was attached a cap for exploding, and which was cut off in the dark by a German Pole conspirator in error, has saved Cobalt from a terrific dynamite explosion which would have carried with it death and great destruction to property.

This has been revealed through the efforts of Provincial Police Inspector Rowell who followed up information laid by the Nipissing Mining Company that their powder magazine had been broken into sometime during the last week in February and an attempt made to blow it up by a stick of powder, fuse and cap.

Thomas Szyszkoe was arrested a week ago and this story was that at the instigation, and after much pressure on the part of the two other men, he broke into the powder house, laid a stick of powder on one of the one hundred and twenty-nine cases of dynamite and lit a fuse.

In the dark he had cut off two inches of the fuse, but did not apparently know it included the cap, with the result that the explosion did not take place. Had this happened at the time the fuse was lit, 8.30 in the evening, all the mills at the south end of Cobalt would have been put out of commission, the street railway destroyed, and much loss of life resulted, as the powder house is on solid rock, and three tons would have exploded.

Tremendous excitement reigns throughout the town at the narrow escape, especially among experienced mining men, who know what could have happened. The two men will come before the magistrate to-day. They were farmers in their own country. All three had been employees of the Nipissing Mining company, but were laid off recently.