

# GERMAN MANAGER TO BE INTERNED

S. H. Mundheim, of Quebec,  
Must Go to Fort Henry,  
Kingston

HAD A MILITARY PERMIT

Action Taken Under Direct  
Orders From Ottawa—  
Avoided Accustomed  
Hotel in Montreal

Arrested at the outbreak of the war but released almost immediately afterward, S. H. Mundheim, the German manager of the Cement Products Company of Canada, was taken into custody yesterday afternoon by officers of the Enemy Aliens Department, and will be interned in Fort Henry at Kingston, probably until the war is ended. Mundheim, who resided in Quebec, in close proximity to the company's extensive plant on the Island of Orleans, had never concealed his pro-German views, and these led to his temporary detention by the Quebec military authorities early last fall. His release and his subsequent immunity is attributed to the fact that the company by which he was employed has as directors and stockholders some of the most prominent and influential men in the province, but on Monday last orders were received here from the Dominion police at Ottawa, presumably under instructions from the Minister of Justice, that Mundheim was to be arrested.

The message from Ottawa stated that he was expected to pass through Montreal on that day, but Inspector G. H. Rioux, of the Enemy Alien Department here, failed to find his man at the Ritz-Carlton, where he had always stayed on his frequent visits to Montreal. A watch was kept for him, however, and on information obtained, Inspector Rioux, accompanied by Special Officer George Porteous, went at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon to the offices of the Canada Floors, Limited, room 819, New Birks Building, where they found Mundheim. Several Montreal citizens were also present, and it is understood that a business meeting requiring Mundheim's presence was about to be held.

## GERMAN PASSPORT AND PAPERS.

Mundheim took his arrest quite coolly and excused himself to his associates, saying that he had to go to the enemy alien registration office, but that he would be back, as he had papers which would prove his right to continued liberty. This statement was partly borne out on arrival at the office, as Mundheim produced a permit, signed by a military official at Quebec, allowing him to spend ten days in Montreal. It was also found, however, that Mundheim had on his person his German passport, showing that he held, or had held, the rank of captain in the Kaiser's army. He also had two German newspapers, printed in New York, of the dates of Tuesday and Wednesday last. As the instructions from Ottawa had not only ordered Mundheim's arrest, but his summary internment, Mr. C. G. Ogden, registrar of the Aliens Department, signed the internment order, and Mundheim was detained pending his removal to Kingston.

On being questioned, the prisoner of war stated that instead of going to the Ritz-Carlton on reaching Montreal on Monday, he had engaged a bachelor apartment for a week at the Mayor Apartments on Mayor street, as he was not desirous of attracting notice to his movements. He had expected to go through Montreal to Ste. Agathe for a stay of two or three weeks, but found that business matters would detain him in the city for a time. Inspector Rioux visited the Mayor Apartments, and obtained Mundheim's top coat and bag. The janitor informed the official that Mundheim had not given any name when engaging the apartment, but had stated that the Cement Products Company would pay the rent.

Mundheim, who was born in Germany 47 years ago, came to Canada about fifteen years ago, but had never become a naturalized citizen. His wife and family are in Quebec. It is believed that he was about to sever his connection with the cement company, which has a large force of workmen, of whom about 200 are Germans. Of late, visitors have not been encouraged to approach the plant, and Quebec gossip has been busy with tales of heavy concrete foundations and other mysterious preparations, but these have not been taken seriously in responsible quarters, in view of the standing of the Canadians connected with the company and the vigilant oversight of the Quebec military authorities.