

INTERNEED ALIENS AT BRANDON TRY TO MAKE ESCAPE

One May Die From Bullet Wound—Others Have Bayonet Wounds

BRANDON, Man., June 7.—Andrew Grapko, Austrian, aged eighteen, is in the general hospital hovering between life and death, and a compatriot, Mike Butryn, aged twenty-two, is also in the hospital with an injury to the back as the result of a well-planned attempt by fifteen-aliens to get away from the internment camp at the winter fair arena Saturday night. Another Austrian got clear away, but the authorities declare his recapture is almost certain as they have a good description of him and some knowledge of his whereabouts. The twelve men who failed in their attempt are under arrest, seven of them being at the city police station. Two or three of them sustained slight injuries from the bayonets.

While some of the men had for weeks past been playing checkers with a long cloth over a table, a man had been hidden under the table, and was working away with a table knife which had been filed into a saw. By Saturday all was ready for action. At half past nine as the guard was being changed and the men taken to their sleeping quarters, the fifteen quickly pulled up boards and slid through into a boiler room and stable underneath. The sentry gave the alarm, but five of them rushed past him. One was brought down by a bullet and two others were quickly overtaken and a pica from the bayonet made them hurry back. A fourth one showed no inclination to return and the guard hit him with a violent blow with the clenched fist in preference to stabbing or shooting him. He also received an injury to his back and will likely be in hospital a few days. The man who was shot is in a precarious condition. The bullet entered his left side and passed through behind the lung, coming out on the opposite side.