

# EXCITEMENT RUNS HIGH IN WINDSOR OVER EXPLOSIONS

Windsor, June 23.—Excitement runs high in Windsor, and guards on the tunnel connecting that city with Detroit have been doubled and military authorities and police are working to trace the author of the explosions, which wrecked the Peabody Plant and all but destroyed the armories with large loss of life.

Orders have been given by Lieut. E. B. Baxter, recruiting officer, to place extra guards at tunnel and remount station and to round up every suspect in connection with dynamite outrages.

The infernal machine picked up at the Armories was crudely devised. There was a small alarm clock connected with two batteries and attached to a suitcase containing the sticks of dynamite, which were about seven inches long. Private Banton, who found the outfit, displayed considerable nerve in gathering up the dynamite and carrying it under his arm to the interior of the building where it is now safely guarded. The explosive material had been secreted near a wall of the armories and covered over by burdocks so as to pass the eyes of sentries.

## Germans Voiced Warning

Repeated warnings had been heard from German sympathizers in Detroit that military institutions and munitions for the allies were turned out would be attacked in some way. There seems little doubt that last night's happenings were part of a carefully arranged scheme.

That the men who did the job are located on this side of the Detroit River seems more than probable, as the explosives in both instances were placed and the fuses lighted some time between 12.30 and two o'clock this morning. Had they been placed earlier watchmen at the Peabody plant and guards at the Armories would have undoubtedly discovered them, as systematic patrols are made.

The authorities are working on the case with the assumption that the individuals responsible are living within the city limits of Windsor.

## Search For Two Men.

Further attack of a similar nature are expected. Some Detroit Germans are very outspoken, and "The Day" is their favorite toast.

Military and civil authorities of Windsor and Walkerville are searching for two men and a woman who are responsible, they believe, for the attempted dynamiting.

## Organize Home Guard.

A communciation was sent to Col. McCrimmon of the divisional headquarters staff of London asking him to come to Windsor to assist in the organization of a Home Guard. Steps will be taken at once to strengthen the sentries. There are eighty guards at present stationed at the Post Office, Remount Grounds, Armories and M. C. R. Tunnel. It is stated guards will be furnished to the different firms working on all munitions. There was a report that an attempt has been made to dynamite the plant of the Canadian Bridge Company in Walkerville, which has been turning out a big supply of shells, but officials would not admit the result of the investigation. This firm has its own private watchmen on duty. A supplementary force of military guards may be added.

Orders have been issued to all volunteers who had enlisted but have not completed their term of service to hold themselves in readiness for any emergency. Two men were seen in the vicinity in the earlier part of the evening carrying suit cases. One of the newly enlisted volunteers had his attentions attracted to them at the time by the suspicious way they acted, but did not interfere with them. The military authorities have turned over the case to the provincial police. Detectives Nash and Smith, who are making further investigations.

## No American Would.

Detroit, June 23.—Representative Germans of Detroit do not credit the suspicion that the dynamiting of the Peabody Company plant in Walkerville and the attempt to dynamite the Windsor armory is the work of German sympathizers. The hint freely expressed in Windsor that the dynamiting was done by German-Americans from Detroit is emphatically branded as unfair to the spirit shown by German-Americans of this city.

"There is but one reply to make to such an insinuation," said Carl E. Schmidt. "That is that no true American would be guilty of such an act. Certainly no German American would consider it."