

## A RAID ON CANADA.

### A Menace Of Germans In Nearby American Cities.

British investigators in Buffalo, Detroit, Toledo and Cleveland have reported to the British Embassy in Washington the determination of certain German reservists and others to make a raid on Canada. One may read in this connection a recent story from Cleveland to the effect that there is a new establishment there, elaborately guarded by special private constables and which, it is believed, is used for the storage of explosives. Since the war started "fantastic stories" are ended. Nothing that the imagination could frame has been as strange, and at times, as stupid, as the actual performances of Germans and German sympathizers.

We may be sure of one thing, that German reservists would have been across the frontier long ago if it had been possible. No ordinary raid, with, say, six days' provisions, could be undertaken, because the United States would be forced into immediate action. Chased back from Canada, such a raiding force would run into American rifles, and thence to prisons or prison camps. Since our enemies have learned the calibre of Canadian troops in Flanders one may expect that German reservists in the United States have been more cautious in planning for "the subjugation of Canada."

They would require a complete commissariat, endless munitions, remounts innumerable and heavy guns. Such an expedition could not be assembled without the cognizance of the United States and without a thorough preparation by Canadian military authorities. Any effort by a hostile force to march from Windsor to Chatham or from Fort Erie to Hamilton would be crowded with incident. Such a raid, though not impossible—for folly has no limit among admirers of Germany—is in no sense likely. But if it occurred some of our young men might be more anxious for a rifle and a spit of khaki than they seem to be to-day.