

Seizes Escaped Alien After Thrilling Chase

"Charlie" Brooks Is Hero of Exciting Man-Hunt — Brings Prisoner to Winnipeg

An exciting man-hunt in which a Canadian constable captured an escaped alien was brought to a close Thursday evening, when Charles Brooks, police officer of Emerson, turned over to the Winnipeg military authorities an Austrian named Mazinuick. Mazinuick, with six other interned foreigners, escaped from the Brandon prison camp by cutting a hole in the floor beneath their dining room table, several weeks ago.

Mazinuick fled to the other side of the border after his escape. His companions were speedily recaptur-

ed, and word was sent broadcast to be on the lookout for the missing prisoner. Had he remained in the United States he might still be enjoying his freedom.

Starts Man-Hunt

Word came to "Charlie" Brooks, in Emerson, that Mazinuick had returned to Canada, and was living among people of his own nationality south of Stuartburn. The constable started after him. In some way the fugitive heard of the officer's arrival.

All day Monday the chase continued. With the instinct of a rabbit Mazinuick headed for the boundary line, the officer following his tracks in a double-team rig. Through soggy fields, heavy roads, over fences and through snow drifts, the policeman chased the Austrian. When the hunt became too close for comfort, the fugitive divested himself of his

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great coat, and Brooks picked it up and put it in the rig. He threw away his gun and cartridge belt, and after the officer had stopped at a farm house and requisitioned another team to replace his worn out horses, the alien took off his shoes and continued in his stocking feet.

Strain Overcomes Fugitive

The strain became too great, however, and when only a few rods from the stones marking the boundary line, Mazinuick sank to the ground, his feet frozen and bleeding, and his coatless body bathed in perspiration.

The constable lifted him into the vehicle and started back on the long trip to Stuartburn. While waiting for the Emerson train, everything possible was done to restore the exhausted man. He pulled his shoes on over his swollen feet, and asked for a drink of water. He was taken to a nearby pump and after he had drank his fill, he suddenly darted down the track at top speed.

Found in Haystack

Brooks again took up the chase, accompanied this time by several bystanders. Although the constable fired six shots after the fleeing man, the latter did not stop, but soon quit the tracks and disappeared in the direction of a farmhouse. A careful search failed to reveal his hiding place, until one of the men heard the sounds of heavy breathing in a haystack.

Seizing a pitchfork he plunged it into the stack, and soon a yell announced that the tines had found the Austrian. He was dragged forth, handcuffed and marched back to the station.

Brooks and his prisoner arrived in Winnipeg Thursday evening, and the latter was delivered into the hands of the military authorities. This story of the thrilling chase and capture "leaked out" today.