

GERMAN ARMY MAN ARRESTED AS A SPY

While in Wingham Made Frequent Mysterious Visits to Berlin

BOX OF CORDITE FOUND

No Connection Discovered Yet, However, With the Alleged Spy

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Wingham, Ont., Feb. 7.—The arrest of a German, Adolph Schatte, who has long passed himself as a Belgian, and the discovery in a freight car of a box of explosives, believed to be cordite, have set the town on edge. Despite the coincidence of the two events, there is nothing to show that Schatte was in any way connected with the box of explosives. This, however, is being investigated by Provincial Constable G. A. Phippen.

Constable Phippen made the arrest on instructions from Colonel Sherwood, Chief of the Dominion Police, on charges of espionage. Schatte had been in Wingham for five months. Previous to this he had been in Berlin, Waterloo, and other places, having come to Canada just prior to the outbreak of war, previous to which he had been in Belgium and Turkey.

Besides his passports, Schatte had a number of suspicious-looking drawings of British and German soldier, belonging to the 22nd Mounted opinion that these "mean something" more than is apparent on the face of them. He has, accordingly, forwarded them to Ottawa.

Other papers found prove that Schatte was formerly a German soldier, belonging to the 22nd Mounted Regiment.

During Schatte's stay in Wingham as bandmaster he had been in the habit of disappearing now and then for a few days at a time. It was this which first drew the attention of Constable Phippen to him. The latter investigated and discovered that Schatte had been visiting Berlin, Waterloo, and other places, and that the people with whom he came in touch in these places were Germans. His suspicious movements led to his arrest.

Somewhat more mystery is attached to the box of explosives. This was found in a car of furniture sent to Mr. A. Anderson, one of the High School teachers here. The box, unaddressed, was found hidden away beneath the furniture. It was opened by the railway officials and proved to contain seventy small parcels believed to be of cordite. A tiny sample of one of them, tested in a stove, produced a miniature explosion. The box and contents weighed 40 pounds.