

PROBEMUTINYOFALIENSINONTARIO CAMP

LOGIE OPENS INQUIRY INTO ALIEN REVOLT

Toronto General Investigates
Circumstances of Bloody Battle
In Austrian Camp

1 MAN KILLED, 9 WOUNDED

Soldiers Fight Pitched Battle
With Rebels, Using Bayonets
Freely

COCHRANE, Ont., May 16—
Full investigation into the
mutiny of Austrian prisoners in
the internment camp at Kapuskasing,
70 miles north of here, on the
National Transcontinental railway,
has been instituted by Brig.-Gen.
W. A. Logie, of Toronto.

Gen. Logie will report to Ottawa
all the circumstances leading up
to the revolt, and will decide
whether there are enough Canadian
troops at the camp to cope with
any further trouble that may
arise.

Alien is Killed

One man is dead, nine are seriously
wounded and four others slightly
hurt as the outcome of the mutiny
in the camp last week. Three
hundred soldiers, with fixed bayonets,
were required to quell the disturbance.

Ringleaders in the trouble were a
band of Austrians who for some time
have been the centre of an unruly
element at Petawawa camp. Early
last week the authorities decided to
remove the disorderly aliens from
Petawawa to Kapuskasing. Six car-
loads containing about 300 men were

accordingly removed to the bush encampment.

The train reached Kapuskasing Wednesday morning under a strong military escort. Although much grumbling was heard there was no organized attempt at disturbance until Friday.

On the morning of this day a number of the new comers were detailed for camp work. Declaring they were within their rights in refusing to perform manual labor of any kind the ringleaders threw down their brooms and spades and refused pointblank to obey orders. The leaders were taken aside and were being severely lectured by the camp commandant, Col. Royce, of Toronto, when the balance of the disgruntled ones rushed the guard.

The soldiers were ordered to fix bayonets and being armed with ball cartridge, fired at one or two Austrians who gained the outside of the enclosure. None got away and the casualty list was prepared after order had been restored. Most of the injured sustained hurt by being forced onto the points of the bayonets by the mob.