

CAPT. FRITZEN, WELLAND CANAL PLOTTER ARRESTED

Specific Charge Against German Officer Arrested in Los Angeles is Implication in Canal Plot.

Los Angeles, Cal., March 10.— Alleged to be connected with plots to destroy the Welland Canal, and guilty of other unneutral acts in America, Captain Alfred Fritzen, a German officer, was arrested early yesterday by agents of the Department of Justice in Alhambra, near here.

According to Special Agent Blandford of the department of justice, the specific charge against Fritzen is implication in the Welland Canal plot. His recent activity in Mexico and actions elsewhere in the country are also under investigation on suspicion that he may have knowledge of plots to destroy property in New York and elsewhere.

The arrest follows a search of six months conducted by the department of justice. Revelations of activities in Southern California and Northern Mexico are said to have caused the issuance of orders by A. B. Bielaski, chief of the bureau of investigation, for the arrest. A connection between Fritzen and German Consul Bopp recently discovered in San Francisco,

and Captains Boy-Ed and Von Papen, is also said to have been established.

On March 30, 1916, the federal grand jury indicted Alfred A. Fritzen, Captain Hans Tauscher, Captain Franz von Papen, Wolf von Igel and Constantie Covain, on the charge of setting on foot a military enterprise. It was claimed they procured dynamite for the purpose of blowing up the Welland Canal.

Captain Tauscher, a German reservist, officer, agent in this country for Krupps, and husband of Madame Gadeki, the singer, was tried and acquitted, although it was admitted he had procured dynamite. However, the jury believed this evidence which was to the effect that he had done nothing with the intention of violating the laws of this country, having aided von Papen on the latter's assurance as a soldier and gentleman that he was asking him to do nothing illegal.

Fritzen will be taken to New York for trial.