

# BELIEVED THAT ALIENS FIRED SHOTS AT THE GUARDS OVER RIVER

## Authorities Conducting Investigation to Discuss Identity of Men Who Were Responsible For the Shooting.

Niagara Falls, N. Y., March 30.—Private Herbert Messing, member of Company E, Third Regt., National Guard, while on duty on the promenade of the Hydraulic Power company plant this morning at between 3 and 4 o'clock was shot at from the Canadian side. The bullet struck the power house only a few feet from the soldier's head.

The matter was reported to Lieutenant John J. Welch, who notified the military authorities on the Canadian side of the border.

A conference was held today by Capt. E. J. Murray of Company E and Sergt. Major A. C. Bradley of the 176th Battalion. The result of the

conference was an emphatic denial of the story that the shot was fired by a Canadian soldier.

Many aliens have recently been arrested for breaking parole in the Canadian city and it is the general opinion that the shot was the result of a pernicious desire of some alien to bring about trouble.

Early this morning National Guardsmen on duty on the American side of the river reported that they had been fired upon and the shots came from the Canadian side of the gorge. The guardsmen who were under fire were stationed near the Hydraulic company's plant.

The military authorities on this side

of the river were communicated with and on receipt of the news ordered out a search party immediately. The river bank was thoroughly investigated but no traces were found of any persons responsible for the shooting.

It is the general opinion here that the shooting, which occurred between 3 and 4 o'clock was done by parties on the American side, although it is stated that a considerable number of alien enemies are registered here, but close surveillance is kept on their movements. Military authorities were a unit in declaring it impossible that the shots were fired by any member of the Canadian military forces stationed here.