

THE WEATHER

Table with weather forecasts for various locations including Dawson, Victoria, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Edmonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Moose Jaw, Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

Around the City

Manitoba Flour Dearer. There was an advance of 20c per barrel in Manitoba flour yesterday, the present jobbing price being \$7.85. Ontario flour remains at \$7.10 per barrel.

ELEVEN GERMAN PRISONERS MADE SENSATIONAL ESCAPE FROM AMHERST INTERMENT CAMP; STILL AT LARGE

Tunnelled Like Rats Under Wire Fence, Eluded Guards and Broke for Woods—Police and Military on the Watch, but so far Without Result—Three Suspects Seen at Bayswater—Gustav Hartwig, German Spy, Arrested in St. John, Ringleader of Party—His Story Reads Like a Novel.

Headed by Gustav Hartwig, who is looked upon by the authorities as a particularly dangerous German spy, eleven German prisoners successfully made their escape from the Amherst interment camp yesterday morning, despite the fact that the camp is closely guarded by soldiers. Those who escaped are: Gustav Hartwig, William Schaefer, Louis Carl Veckerman, Paul Kuhnel, William Schroder, George Kleinworth, William Wagner, August Meyer, Fred Schultz, Harry Dollmeier, C. A. Volmer.

How long these Germans have been at work perfecting their plans for escape is not known, but the work must have taken some days, and was all performed at night. Their escape is the result of daring and most ingenious effort. Digging a tunnel under the fence around the camp, for a distance of over one hundred and fifty feet to a spot well beyond the place where the sentries were located, it shows that the planning was undoubtedly the work of a man with a brain such as Gustav Hartwig is known to possess. It was the work of a man well up in engineering, inch by inch, foot by foot, the prisoners dug under ground, and every ounce of earth removed from the tunnel was hidden from the view of the soldier guards.

A MIDNIGHT JOB. The time became ripe for the escape sometime between Monday night and daylight yesterday morning. The Germans knew they had tunnelled sufficiently beyond the fence, and all left for them to do was to break through the guards, and then, like rats, to crawl through the tunnel, hustle to the woods, scatter and every man do his best to get out of the country. Four of the prisoners, including Hartwig, had previously escaped from military custody, and were well supplied with maps, showing sections of New Brunswick, particularly on the Transcontinental Railway, the Stanley branch, etc. They well know the lay of the country, and the best way of reaching the border line between Canada and the United States without going through any large villages, towns or cities. Up to a late hour last night not one of the escaped prisoners had been captured, although the military and local police all over the province have been notified, and are keeping a sharp watch for them.

Word reached the city yesterday afternoon that three men, thought to be Germans and speaking broken English, had arrived at Bayswater on the Kennebecasis river, where they obtained food. They asked what time the west bound train would leave Westfield. This information was given to the military authorities who, immediately went to work following up the clue, as it is believed the three foreigners were in the party of prisoners who escaped from Amherst. It is thought these three worked their way west from Amherst on trains during the early morning and, being well supplied with information regarding the country, left the train at some point between Robesay and Hampton, crossed the ice on the river and then continued as far as Bayswater, thus escaping the danger of passing through St. John. From Bayswater they could walk along the shore a distance, obtain a boat and be conveyed across Grand Bay and thus reach Westfield or some other point in the vicinity, steal rides on west-going trains, and thus reach the border.

All the stations along the line of the C. P. R., the I. C. R. and other lines are being closely watched for the Germans, and if they finally get clear they will undoubtedly have undergone severe hardship away from the places where they would most likely be captured.

While it has not been stated how much money these escaped prisoners had at the time of leaving camp, it is more than likely that if they did not have funds while in the interment camp, there are enough of their countrymen on the outside to give them assistance, and everything possible would be done to help them to get out of the country.

Hartwig a Bad Case. Gustav Hartwig, the ring leader, is very well known in St. John, especially at police headquarters, as he has on two occasions been taken into custody by the local police, and each time handed over to the military authorities who sent him under guard to an interment camp.

When the war broke out in August, 1914, Hartwig was a deckhand on the dredge General Dias working in Courtenay Bay. Fellow workmen were aware he was a German, and it was also suspected by some that he was a Reservist. He talked much, with the result that a police officer took him into custody. Pictures in his possession at the time of his arrest did not show him as a deckhand on a vessel, but showed a very well dressed young man, clothes neatly pressed, pure lines, a costly scarf pin in his tie, and a fountain pen protruding from his coat pocket. Clean shaven, and remarkably good looking, Hartwig presented the appearance of a clerk or college student. He was detained in St. John only for a few days when he was taken to the detention prison in Halifax. Gustav was too clever to remain on the island and his escape from that place soon followed.

One Sensational Escape. One night in October, 1914, the opportune time arrived for him to make his escape from his Halifax prison. There were military guards stationed round the camp, but the young German was intent on getting away. Stripping himself of his clothing he tied it into a ball, fastened it on the top of his head, managed to creep past the guard, and silently slipped into the cold waters of Halifax harbor. He proved a strong swimmer, and after battling with the waves, managed to place his feet on the main land. As soon as it was learned that he had made his escape the alarm was given, but he did not experience great difficulty in getting away. In fact he was bold enough to correspond with brother Germans who were interned, and his cards passed through the mails, but there was nothing on his cards or letters which would give the authorities any clue who they were from, although his signature was "Gus."

Captured in St. John. Nothing more was heard of him by the police authorities until Saturday afternoon, October 16th last, when Chief of Police Simpson obtained information that a man supposed to be a German, had stowed as a sailor on board the schooner L. A. Palmer, loaded with lumber and cleared for a port in the United States. An officer was instructed to bring the man to police headquarters for examination. This was done and the police chief was surprised to see that the suspect was

WHO HAS SEEN THIS MAN?



Gustav Hartwig, German Spy and Leader of Escaped Prisoners from Amherst.

GRAVE DANGER FROM STORAGE OF DYNAMITE

County Council Desires Authority to Regulate

Emphatic statement by Warden McLellan results in order for legislative bill granting necessary power to municipality.

The danger from dynamite which is promiscuously stored at various places outside the city limits, mentioned in a Standard article last month, was forcibly called to the attention of the county council yesterday by Warden H. R. McLellan, and in consequence of his emphatic remarks on the subject it was voted to apply to the legislature for authority to give the municipality of St. John the right to regulate and have supervision over the storage of the explosive.

Warden McLellan speaking directly to the council, and indirectly as the commissioner of public safety of the city, told the councillors in plain English that there was nothing to prevent aliens from stealing dynamite from store houses and using it for any purpose they pleased. The council, he said, should have the right to say how, where and in what quantities dynamite shall be stored in the county of St. John. "There are tons and tons of this explosive," he added, "stored in places where there are no watchmen. Such a state of affairs would not be permitted in any other country, civilized or uncivilized. Aliens might easily get in these store houses, for many of them have no locks. It would not be necessary for them even to break into some of the buildings."

The dynamite situation was brought to Attorney General Baxter's attention recently by Warden McLellan. The Attorney General said that the municipality had no authority to regulate or supervise the storage of dynamite. Warden McLellan advocated a bill being introduced in the legislature, conferring such power on the county authorities. Something should be done, he added, especially during these times. Later in the day on motion of Councillor Potts, seconded by Councillor Shillington the county secretary was instructed to prepare such a bill. The bill will be submitted to the committee on bills and will be acted upon formally by the council at a special meeting to be held for the purpose of considering a number of contemplated legislative bills. The dynamite regulation will be sent to Fredericton and introduced at the next session of the legislature. The bill will give the municipality the right to control condition, quantity, location of store houses and probably the regulation of the transportation of the explosive, if the legislature passes it.

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