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#### ACTED AS A SPY.

Man Arrested Recently Who Caused Trouble in the Army.

James Valmorton, alias James Morton, alias James W. Burri, was arrested by London detectives recently as a German spy and is wanted by the Cleveland police as an alleged bigamist and embezzler. The definite declaration of the British vice-consulate at Cleveland that Valmorton was paid by the German Imperial Government to come to London from Pittsburgh, to enlist in the 33rd Battalion has caused a shock in Canada and by many the revelation is accepted as an explanation of the riotous disorders which occurred from time to time while the battalion was in training in London.

For some unknown cause the discipline of the battalion was steadily undermined while the corps was being prepared for overseas service and at length clashes with the civil police and disobedience of commands of camp officers became a nightly matter. Two or three men usually appeared as the ring leaders in fomenting trouble that at length led to rioting in the down-town business district. Police were stoned, store windows were smashed and at length the police station was stormed by a mob. Stern measures were taken by district military headquarters to restore order and the regiment was removed to Quebec. There fresh troubles developed during which a cafe proprietor was shot dead by a man who was subsequently sentenced for manslaughter.

"We never found any evidence that German spies were in the 33rd, but it was never possible to discover the source of the trouble in the battalion," said Lt.-Col. W. A. McCrimmon, who was one of the senior officers on the headquarters' staff during the war.

#### Breeding Reindeer.

A reindeer experiment station is to be started next summer at Unalakleet, Alaska, for the scientific breeding of this valuable animal. It is expected that by this means the stock can be markedly improved; and one project in contemplation is the crossing of the domesticated reindeer with the wild variety native to Arctic America.

A cross with the caribou is doubtless practicable, and should increase the size of the reindeer. Thus the animal would produce more meat—a matter of no small importance, inasmuch as the north country will in the near future furnish great supplies of reindeer meat for consumption in Canada and the United States.

The first domesticated reindeer brought to Alaska were imported in 1892. In all, 1280 were brought across from Siberia. There are now in Alaska 200,000 of the animals, 70 per cent. of them being owned by Eskimo, for whose benefit—to provide them with food, clothing and other necessities—the enterprise was originally undertaken.

Reindeer require no shelter and procure their own food, most of the latter being furnished by mosses. The buck reindeer is polygamous. Hence it is necessary to preserve only a minor percentage of the males, and 100,000 have been killed in Alaska during the last few years for food and skins. No female is ever intentionally killed. The herds double numerically every three years, and, at the present rate of increase, there should be 10,000,000 reindeer in North America twenty years from now.

#### Old Documents.

The early records bearing on Canadian history are being searched at the British Record Office by counsel for Newfoundland and the Province of Quebec in connection with the Labrador boundary dispute, which is to be heard by the Privy Council. Documents dating back to the seventeenth century are being consulted to determine the historical rights to that rock-bound land. An interesting discovery, which goes another hundred years further back in history, is that Labrador is really not Labrador at all, but Greenland. Research made in London, Paris, and Spain by Harry Biggar, Dominion Archivist in Europe, has disclosed the fact that until the middle of the sixteenth century the name Labrador meant Greenland and commemorated the wide awakeness of John Fernandez Labrador, or land owner, who as a member of John Cabot's crew, was the first to sight this island. The country now the subject of the dispute was in those days known as "Corte Reall Land," but lost its name through the carelessness of map makers.

#### No Way of Telling.

There recently entered the office of a Toronto dentist a most extraordinary looking youth, very loudly dressed and wearing a most vacuous expression. His hat was forced down upon his ears so that they stuck out at right angles and he made known his troubles in a low murmur utterly devoid of emotion. "I am afraid to administer gas," whispered the dentist to his assistant, when it was ascertained that the youth wanted a tooth extracted. "Why so?" asked the assistant. "How," demanded the dentist, "am I to know when he is unconscious?"

#### War Knits.

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