

ARREST ZALK IN COPPER ROBBERY

**Foreman of Metal Yard in Which
Valuable Anode Plates Were
Located Is Nabbed by Police.**

**NIGHT WORK AT PLANT
REVEALS STOLEN METAL**

**Watchman's Suspicion Results in
Discovery of Plot—Metal Firm
Members Aid Detectives.**

Alleged to be implicated in the theft of 32 valuable copper anode plates, stolen one year ago and found at the yard of the Duluth Iron and Metal company, Zigmund Zalk, age 42, foreman for the company, was arrested by Police Chief Troyer at 2 o'clock yesterday afternoon and arraigned immediately in municipal court on a charge of grand larceny in the first degree. He waived examination and was held for the grand jury. Bail was set at \$2,500, which was furnished.

The suspicion of a day watchman at the Duluth Iron and Metal company at the fact that the heavy metal clippers were being run at night is what led to the discovery of the theft. This man asked the night watchman what was being done at night, and the latter in a panic admitted that a lot of copper plates belonging to Zigmund Zalk were being cut up. He begged the day watchman not to say anything to the "bosses" about it.

The day watchman, however, investigated and located the copper plates under a pile of old scrap iron. Nine of the plates had been cut up and placed in barrels for shipment.

Firm Members Praised.

According to Superintendent Strachan of the North Pacific railroad, the restoration of the precious plates and the capture of the thieves is due principally to the members of the firm of the Duluth Iron and Metal company.

"The report of the day watchman to Hyman Zalk was made at 1 o'clock Sunday afternoon," said Mr. Strachan. "At 1:15 Mr. Zalk telephoned me and we called on Zigmund Zalk. Before our interview was over, he admitted his entire connection with the case. The road has not at any time suspected the members of the firm, and in fact, we are grateful to them for our recovery of the copper."

"The road was glad to recover this loot," continued Mr. Strachan, "as there is pending a dispute between the mining company and the road as to a settlement for the loss of the plates.

"The Anaconda Mining company billed the goods at a valuation of \$100 a ton, which is of course less than the price of copper alone. They refused to settle on this basis, however, and the matter is still in dispute.

Plates Valuable.

"As to the real value of the 32 stolen plates, I think that \$25,000 is a conservative figure, and they may be worth \$40,000 as the mining company claims. There were 118 of the plates in the car originally."

The reason that the theft was not reported to the police earlier than two weeks after it happened, according to Special Agent E. J. Williams of the Northern Pacific, is that the road did not really discover the shortage for nearly that time.

"The removal of the 32 plates was not discovered when the car was put into the freight house on Nov. 5 for loading," said Mr. Williams yesterday. "Other goods were loaded on top of the copper, and it was sent to Superior to be loaded onto a boat. It was only on Nov. 14, when it was unloaded from the freight car, and the count of plates was made, that we knew there had been a robbery."

George K. Robertson and Joseph Regali, the two switch foremen who are alleged to have arranged to steal the plates from the freight car, were arraigned before Judge Cutting yesterday afternoon on charges of grand larceny in the first degree. They pleaded not guilty and asked for an examination, which was set for Monday morning.