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factory was on the right" which was thought to be producing long, aluminum RR cars. Aluminum RR cars were seen on the siding and the observer believed that these were the plants product.

Proceeding through the area on the Czech side of the border after leaving COP, Col. Hathaway observed very large RR marshaling yards with tracks stretching as far as he could see on both sides of his track. Guard towers were manned and located in the huge RR yards. There were 5 tracks at the border branching into many in the yards. As he went through the yards he observed that on his left side were loaded or full freight cars, while on his right were all the empty freight cars, "as far as could be seen."

The RR route which the party travelled from COP was through KOSICE- POPRAD- ZELINA. The observer stated that electrification began at a little town shortly after the first little town which was reached ten minutes after COP. From Cop to Kosice, Hathaway believed that there were two tracks and possibly three.

From Kosice on Hathaway stated that construction was going on through the mountains, the construction crews using a prefabricated technique. Piled up alongside of the right of way were prefabricated track sections with "rails already hooked to sleepers." Little buildings were spotted along the right of way where this prefabrication was taking place. Cable reels and stacks of metal towers were seen, the towers being rusty. He believed that electrification was nearly completed all the way although his train was being pulled by a steam engine.

Just at dark, location enroute unknown, Hathaway passed by an area approximately one mile long with guard towers and a high fence.

USAIRA COMMENT:

Due to the time available for debriefing and the physical limitations of our office in Prague, no more can be reported from these excellent sources.

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