

CONSUL HERE NOT PESSIMISTIC AS TO THE OUTCOME

Probably one of the most optimistic men in Canada to-day over the European situation is the Austro-Hungarian Consul-General in this city, Hermann Hann von Hanneheim.

"I have not received one word of instruction," said the diplomat this morning to a Star representative. "That is why I think the matter is not so serious as it looks, and I still hope for a peaceful development. We know from past experience that time and again serious troubles have been threatened in all parts of the world such as that of Germany and Morocco, to name only one. But each and all ended without the serious consequences threatened, and today it is just as allowable to hope that the outcome of the present dispute will be one of a peaceful character.

Awaits Instructions.

Asked as to whether the Austro-Hungarians scattered throughout the Dominion would be expected to return home of their own free will or would receive formal notice requiring them to do so, the Consul-General said all depended upon his instructions from London, and up to the present none whatever had reached him. Many of their men were working in mining and lumber camps, most of them single-minded laborers and peasants, and it would take quite a time for them to ascertain exactly what was going on in Europe.

Incidentally, remarked the Consul-General, if the Austro-Hungarians returned to Europe it would greatly tend to relieve the crowded state of the Canadian labor market. As soon as it was known among the laboring people that the Canadian Government was taking steps to deport unemployed men, the Consul was told that an extraordinary number were sent in.

"I believe that at least 200 men made inquiries here with this in view," he said. "Many of the men who have no work wish to be deported in order that they may not lose what little money they may have left."

"Finally," said the diplomat, "I still hope that there will be a peaceful settlement."