

GERMANS HERE AWAITING CALL

Twelve Hundred Reservists in the
West—Consulate Awaits
Final Order

"We are expecting an announcement of mobilization any moment," said a member of the imperial German con-

sulate today in the temporary absence of the consul.

The remark was wedged between telephone and personal calls.

"You see," remarked the official, "I am kept busy constantly with calls from Germans who are anxiously awaiting the mobilization order. Including German-Austrians and others, there are about fifteen hundred reservists in Western Canada, but the number of men anxious to return includes practically all the vast number of Germans, German-Austrians, Austrians, Ruthenians, Poles, etc., in the west. I have had to forego all my regular duties to attend to the numerous inquiries.

"Should the mobilization order come the German government will pay the passage of all those who cannot afford to put out the necessary funds."

A German occupying a high position in official circles in Winnipeg stated today that, in his opinion, "war must come."

"It has been hanging fire for the past 15 to 20 years," he said. "The tremendous expense of armaments was slowly crushing the people and demoralizing trade. It is best to fight it out now and settle the matter for all time. A general European war now may mean universal peace when it's over."