

TWO THOUSAND AUSTRIANS REFUSE TO BECOME TARGETS

Mass Meeting in Ottawa Near Fight When Officer Appeals to Them to Aid Own Land

From a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 4.—Two thousand Austrians at a mass meeting held in the foreign quarter of Ottawa last night decided they would refuse to obey the call to arms on the part of their country. They were most of them members of the Social Democratic party. A resolution was passed protesting against the war and condemning war and war-makers. An Austrian officer named A. Plaga was nearly mobbed when he appealed to his countrymen to join the Austrian army and fight for their flag.

"Let us grasp the guns and

swords," he said, "and fight against France, Russia and Britain."

Immediately there was an uproar. There were shouts of "Traitor," "Spy," "Murderer," and "Autocrat." Plaga, who had been a loyal leader of the party, was expelled, and it was stated that it had been found he was a paid agent of the Austrian Government.

Mr. Michael Chapowik advised all present to stop at home and not to go to Austria to become food for guns. J. Wojewski declared that it was a shame to be asked to return home to be slaughtered. He pointed out that in fighting Austria they would be fighting with England, whose citizens they were at present.