

# CANNOT LEAVE TO FIGHT FOR GERMAN

**German Officers and Reservists  
Who Try to Get Out of Canada  
To Be Arrested**

**Are Now Declared To Be Enemies  
of Britain—Peaceful Teutons  
Not To Be Molested**

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Ottawa, Aug. 7.—There is trouble in store for German officers or reservists in Canada who make a protest that they are intending to leave for the Fatherland to fight against Great Britain. In accordance with instructions from the Imperial authorities, all such who are found attempting to leave Canada for the purpose will be summarily arrested and detained. Orders have been given to the authorities at all ocean ports to have this action taken, and it is expected that numerous arrests will follow the orders.

For the past week, hundreds of reservists have been collecting from outside points into the centres of railway transportation, whence they had taken passage to Atlantic seaports with the intention of shipping home. This was all right before Germany declared war on Britain, but now it has assumed a different aspect.

**Are Now Enemies.**

These men are now avowed enemies of Great Britain, and as such are not to be allowed to leave for the sake of war. They are also enemies of Canada, and as such are no longer entitled to the freedom enjoyed by a peaceable and loyal inhabitant of the Dominion. They will, therefore, either have to abandon their attempt to go forth and "wield the sword" against Great Britain, or resign themselves to the duration accorded to prisoners of war.

This order, and the carrying out of it will cause considerable excitement in all parts of the Dominion. In Ottawa, during the past week, there has gathered many reservists who desire to fight against Britain. In all the cities a similar condition exists. Not only German reservists, but Austrian reservists have shown eagerness to leave.

**Austrians Exempted—So Far**

But the order does not apply to the latter. Since Austria has not yet, technically speaking, at least, declared war on Great Britain. The order, however, may have the effect of causing Austrian reservists to discontinue their efforts to leave the country. It may also have the effect of stopping any demonstrations or hostile attitude assumed by such persons in the foreign settlements of the West or on railway construction.

Germans who attend strictly to their duties as Canadian residents will not be molested, "unless they engage in espionage or any hostile act, or attempt or unless they endeavor to give information or aid to the enemy, or otherwise contravene the law, order-in-council or proclamation."

**Peaceful Germans Protected.**

To those who act peacefully the protection of the law will be extended, and the hope is expressed that to such, no attempt to molest or persecute in any way will be offered.

The government is determined that all acts of a hostile nature shall be summarily dealt with.