

REGISTRATION OF GERMANS ORDERED

Mayor Baxter Issues Statement to Subjects of Britain's Enemies.

Power Given Chief of Police to Arrest Suspicious Foreigners in City.

An order to all Germans and Austro-Hungarians in the city still admitting allegiance to their native lands to register with the police under pain of arrest was issued by Mayor Baxter this morning. For the peaceably inclined, registration will be a safeguard, said the mayor in an official statement.

Those who do not will cause suspicion to fall upon them. Power to arrest suspects and place them in jail was delivered to Chief of Police McLennan from Ottawa this morning.

The mayor's declaration follows:

"The mayor of the City of Vancouver gives notice to Germans and Austro-Hungarian subjects resident in this city and not naturalized that they are required to present themselves forthwith for registration.

"They may register at any police station, where they will be supplied with the necessary certificates showing that they have so registered. This will save the peaceably inclined German or Austro-Hungarian subjects from suspicion or possible inconvenience.

"Householders are requested to notify at the nearest police station the presence in their household of German or Austro-Hungarian subjects."

Many Germans and Austro-Hungarians have already registered with the police, said the mayor in explaining the order this morning. They have done so for their own protection, he said.

"If they do not, then, there is some suspicion behind it and the result will be that they will be shadowed if necessary," added the mayor.

The order follows a similar movement which has taken place all over the Old Country. In further advising citizens of their duty towards the country in fighting the spy peril, Mayor Baxter added to his own official statement the following:

"If your neighbor be a German or Austro-Hungarian, acquaint the police with the fact at once and impart any information you may have as to his business habits and any suspicious circumstances.

"The German or Austro-Hungarian may be a perfectly respectable and peaceable citizen, but see to it that he is submitting to the law, which exceptional circumstances in a time of national peril have made advisable."