

RUSSIA HAS CALLED OUT RESERVISTS

Must Pay Own Way Home to Fight, and All Expenses in Connection Therewith.

A general call from the Russian government to all Russian subjects in Canada to at once return to their country has been sent broadcast throughout the Dominion. The call applies to all reservists or those citizens liable to conscription. The order affects those who have been conscribed after March 1 and those who have been subject to it since the beginning of the war; in other words, after March 1 of the present year, all exempted reservists such as officers, doctors, military and clerical aides, privates, homeguards and new conscripts. Of the homeguard, the commissioned officers and generals up to the age of 55 years of age must report; from the privates only those not exceeding 35 years of age. To the class of conscripts of 1915 belong those young men who were 20 years old on Jan. 1, 1915, or in other words those born in 1894. Reservists, homeguards and conscripts who left Russia after March 1 without any important reasons, will be responsible to the government in the usual measure. All those classes have to return immediately, paying their own passage, and the Russian consulate does not give any assistance whatever in reaching Russia.

The order is signed by S. Lichach-noff, the Russian consul-general at Montreal, and applies especially to all Russians in Canada.

It will be noted that the reservists and all those liable to service have to pay their own fare back. With the orders come instructions to this effect and the second circular is worded, "are obliged to return at their own expense to Russia immediately and present themselves to the nearest military authorities or police department where instructions will be supplied."

No Assistance Given Subjects.

The consul-general will not consider any applications for the return passage and all such should be made to the nearest steamship agent. The order goes on to say in part:

"The imperial Russian consul does not send anybody at the government expense; therefore, any requests made to this effect are absolutely useless. Everybody who left Russia, and who was subject to the military call according to the laws of the country, has to present himself to the government at the first call and to do it at his own expense. No advice as to lack of funds for paying the passage to reach the colors, either on the part of reservists or conscripts, will be considered by the authorities, and those who will not return now will be dealt with according to the laws of the government. Statements of physicians as to ill-health as a reason for not being able to report to the military home authorities will not be considered under any circumstances, and those who are really ill and cannot undertake the voyage have to present themselves to the imperial consul-general of Russia at Montreal, 35 St. Nicholas street, where they will be medically inspected. (The doctor's fees, the cost of consular stamps for approval of the medical certificate, and other expenses will have to be borne by those interested). It is advised herewith that any free medical certificates will not be issued by the imperial consulate, and those who will not report and will not have certificate of illness signed by the Russian consul-general in Montreal, will be dealt with by the Russian government in the usual way."

Dated Montreal, March 24, 1915.