

TORONTO BULGARIANS DECLARE FOR ALLIES

Mass Meeting, With Macedonians, Protests Against Action of Native Land in Support of Teutons—Most Would Join Battalion to Fight Germany

Toronto Bulgarians do not favor the action of their home Government in throwing in the lot of Bulgaria with that of Germany, Austria and Turkey. The Bulgarian Government's action was condemned yesterday at a meeting of the Toronto Bulgarians and Macedonians in a resolution which was carried unanimously. The meeting was a large one and a large part of the Bulgarian and Macedonian population of Toronto was in attendance. It was held in the mission church at 250 Parliament street, and the pastor, Rev. Michael J. Andoff, presided.

The resolution which follows was signed by all those present: "We the Bulgarians and Macedonians of the city of Toronto whose names are appended have gathered here to express gratitude for the hospitality which the Dominion of Canada has extended to us. And further, to show our loyalty to the Government, we protest against the present course of the Bulgarian Government in joining hands with Germany, Austria and Turkey against Great Britain and her allies. Further, we declare our profound conviction that the highest interest of all the Balkan States requires that Germany, Austria and Turkey should be utterly crushed and Great Britain and her allies victorious. We hereby pledge our heartiest support to Great Britain in the present conflict. Be it further resolved, that a copy of this resolution be sent to the police and newspapers in hope that it be brought to the attention of the Bulgarian Government."

Would Fight For Allies.

Bulgarians were in the majority at the meeting. Practically every hand

was raised when it was asked how many would join a battalion to fight against Germany. The mention of the name of Gladstone was greeted with enthusiasm, when his remark, "Macedonia for the Macedonians," was remembered.

Mr. Andoff spoke in Bulgarian, and his address was interpreted for the press. He told the gathering that nowhere in the world was there more liberty than in Canada. He declared emphatically that every man who was against Canada should be punished accordingly. The country needed good, loyal men, and could not tolerate revolutionists. The Bulgarian King, he said, should go back to Austria and play again with the Austrian officers. The matter really sifted down to this: Bulgaria for the Bulgarians, Serbia for the Serbians, Greece for the Greeks, and Macedonia for the Macedonians.

Russia the Liberator.

Mr. N. Shonteff, the official Bulgarian interpreter, also spoke briefly. He pointed out that they had been protected by Canada, and should therefore be loyal. The liberator of Bulgaria would be Russia. The Bulgarians must be faithful to this country and must respect the Government. There was no doubt about how the war would end. German militarism would be crushed, and the British Empire will give freedom to every nation and to the world.

Rev. T. T. Shields, pastor of Jarvis Street Baptist Church, told them that the police restriction would be strict to those not in sympathy with Britain. There was no place except the **Internment** camp for such. If they were loyal they were welcomed as good citizens.