

GERMAN EDITOR ASKS A FULL RETRACTION

Pembroke Mayor's Charges Are Branded "An Infamous Lie"

GERMAN PASTOR'S VIEWS

Are Paid by Congregations and Not by Patriotic Fund

From a Staff Reporter.

Pembroke, Ont., Dec. 4. — In a three-column editorial in The Deutsche-Post, Mr. E. B. Christiansen gives an emphatic denial of the charges of pro-Germanism made by Mayor Morris recently.

The Mayor's words are branded as an "infamous lie," and he is called upon to retract his statement and publicly apologize to the German people in the district.

Mayor Morris is out of town, so could not be questioned as to whether or not the retraction and apology will be forthcoming.

Referring to the sinking of the Lusitania and the murder of Miss Cavell, The Post declares that the Germans denounce the torpedoing of any passenger vessels without warning and also the "execution of any Red Cross nurse."

Pro-Germans Sincere.

As far as German ministers not attending patriotic meetings, although invited, The Post points out that Lutheran pastors have all along refrained from taking part in political or secular gatherings of any kind, and that they have had no time to attend the meetings in question.

In conversation with The Daily News, Mr. Christiansen stated that he believed that there were a number of Germans in the neighborhood who were honestly of the opinion that it would be best for Canada that the German armies prevailed.

As for there being a spy system, however, he did not think such a condition existed. If it did it was the business of the authorities to find out and suppress it. A number of the German pastors were interviewed by The Daily News correspondent regarding their failure to support patriotic gatherings.

The Ministers' Views.

"We are paid by our congregations, not by the Patriotic Fund," said Rev. W. Kupfor. "If our congregations do not give us time to go to patriotic meetings we cannot go. I guess I would have gone if I had had time."

Rev. Mr. Kupfor admitted that many of his congregation had withdrawn their money from the banks, but he had advised them to put it back. He had heard a rumor to the effect that all the Germans were to be chased out of Canada. It was probably because of this rumor that the money had been withdrawn. Rev. H. Landsky also held that the Patriotic Fund movement was a political move, and he had, therefore, taken no part in it. "As citizens of Canada, we have to render unto Caesar the things which are Caesar's," he declared, "but as ministers we have nothing to do with politics."

Talking for Effect.

While Mr. Landsky's own son is serving in the army at the front, nevertheless his children are called on to speak only German at home, that being the "home language." Rev. F. Meyers' congregation were working for the soldiers. He believed many Germans here were in sympathy with the home land, however, and told of one German who declared that the flag of Germany would yet float over the postoffice of Pembroke. Such a man, however, he considered as harmless and talking only for effect.