

# HOLD 74 ALIENS FOR ORDERS FROM OTTAWA

## Austrians on Parole From Interment Broke Agreement.

### AT SUNDAY MEETING

#### Call Themselves Social Democrats—Registrar Grasett to Check Up Their Privileges.

"We are not going to tolerate in Toronto, whatever they may do in other cities, any act on the part of alien enemies that will be prejudicial to the interests of this country. I will report yesterday's meeting to Ottawa and await my instructions from there. Meanwhile you will be kept in custody."

In these words Chief of Police Grasett to-day temporarily disposed of the 74 registered Austrians taken by the police during the raid on the anti-conscription meeting held in Occident Hall, Bathurst and Queen streets, yesterday afternoon.

The group of aliens, the great majority of them young and able-bodied, had taxed the capacity of the cells over night, and appeared in all the splendor of their holiday clothes.

#### Arraigned Before the Chief.

As the ruling in regard to the trial of alien enemies permits of no representation by counsel, their part in the case was presented by Inspector of Detectives Kennedy.

The company were marshalled in the court, while the meeting was investigated by Col. Grasett, Chief of Police, who is registrar of alien enemies.

"At this meeting, it seems, the subject of conscription came up for discussion," the chief stated. A loud chorus of "Nos" showed that his English and its purport were alike well understood by the great majority.

Inspector Kennedy produced a signed statement from Perowsky, a naturalized subject, who was one of the speakers.

Upon looking it over Col. Grasett said: "There is evidence here that the speaker remarked that military preparations were advancing too rapidly and that too much money and energy was being spent in munitions."

#### Broke Their Agreement.

At this, several of the crowd claimed that the remarks were made at a meeting held the previous Sunday, but evidence was forthcoming that yesterday's meeting was a continuation of this.

"My opinion is," the chief continued, "that all enemy aliens who have been registered and who attend meetings to protest against conscription, have broken their understanding and agreement, and are liable to be re-interred. I shall report the case to Ottawa, and if Ottawa should be lenient again and permit you your freedom, I will see that the agreement you made will be carried out to the letter."

A large percentage of those rounded up claimed that they were not Austrians, but Galicians, but after a brief geography lesson on the lay-out of south-eastern Europe, the court decided they were all in the same box.

#### Their Object To Educate Canada.

The charter of their organization taken from the hall is emblazoned with the red flag of the revolutionary, and reads: "The mission of the Social-Democratic party of Canada is to educate the workers of Canada to a consciousness of their class position in society, their economic servitude to owners of capital and to organize them into a political party to seize the reins of Government and transform all capitalistic property into the collective property of the working class." It is issued to J. Pomeychuk from Berlin, Ont., May 15, 1912.

#### Foreign Colony Out in Force.

The detention of so large a number naturally caused considerable excitement among the foreign colony, and the corridors in the vicinity of the courtroom to-day were crowded with relatives. In some cases whole families turned out, the majority of them quite smartly dressed.

Owing to the influx of prisoners, the Police Court cells had literally "standing room only"—and very little of that. Twenty-four of the crowd were the guests of No. 1 station overnight and 21 at No. 2. A vendor of box lunches, who was permitted to visit the cage, did a thriving trade.

Col. Grasett's ruling provides for no granting of bail, and as a result the whole number will be accommodated, pending Ottawa's decision, at the city jail.