

# UKRAINIANS ARE WILLING TO HELP

## Citizens of Canada Denounce Peace Treaty Entered Into With Central Em- pires.

WINNIPEG, Feb. 18. — Speaking through a mass-meeting held here last night under the auspices of the Ukrainian Social Democratic Party of Canada, the quarter-million Ukrainian citizens of Canada denounced the separate peace treaty entered into by the Ukrain with the Central Powers, declaring that the delegates thus engaged did not represent the true feeling of the Ukraine nation, which was that the war should be carried on until a peace on the lines of world democracy is established.

A number of resolutions were passed at this meeting, at which about 2000 persons were present, and possibly even more important from the Canadian standpoint was one addressed to the Dominion government offering to mobilize the Ukrainian labor forces in Canada for production and other war purposes, provided the stigma of being alien enemies was removed, and fair treatment was secured from Canadian farmers. The substance of this resolution has been telegraphed to Sir Robert Borden, and his reply was received with much enthusiasm.

### Submit Proposals.

This resolution recites that whereas it has been reported that the government has under consideration the concentration of alien labor, which is both impracticable and undemocratic, and whereas the grave food situation is common knowledge, the Ukrainian Social Democratic party submits a number of proposals which may be summarized as follows:

1. That Ukrainians and other Slavs shall not be regarded as alien enemies, unless they prove themselves such, and that the present registration be revised, thus facilitating the free movement of labor to the farms.

2. That such loyal Ukrainians and other Slavs now interned through misrepresentation, and who are valuable farm laborers, be released.

3. That the government's decision on the question of alien labor should be declared at once.

4. That government employment bureaus be established, eliminating private agencies.

5. That the self-styled leaders and past political manipulators of such nationalities be ignored by the government in dealing with or appealing to Ukrainian working people, as their actions are responsible for the misunderstanding existing between Ukrainians and English-speaking fellow citizens.

### Object to Exploitation.

One resolution adopted protests against the past exploiting of Ukrainians in Canada in behalf of both political parties. Other resolutions ask for the return by the government of the executive of the Ukrainian Social Democratic party of Canada as official representatives of the Ukrainian people in Canada in relations between the government and the Ukrainians at large; for the appointment of a publicity committee to bring English-speaking Canadians and Ukrainians into closer sympathy and educate the latter on the war and the need for their active co-operation in food production. L. Nyokoriak presided and all resolutions were passed unanimously.