

AUSTRIANS GET AMNESTY; MAY FLOCK TO THE WAR

Notification to Toronto Men Who Left Home Under a Cloud—Servians Restless to Serve, but Somewhat Helpless.

Doubt as to the real state of affairs at the actual seat of war, apprehension as to whether they can reach their respective countries if called, and, over all, a restless anxiety, are the features most noticeable in Toronto's foreign population from southeastern Europe at present.

Local Austrian subjects of various races, such as Ruthenians, Poles, Croations and others, including those speaking Italian, have been officially advised that they are wanted only if they receive individual notice to that effect. Those who do not receive such notice will remain where they are.

This intelligence is stated to indicate that there is no general mobilization, and that only such reservists as are required to complete the regiments now at the Servian frontier will receive notice to proceed home.

Amnesty For Austrians.

The Globe is in a position to state with absolute authority another interesting fact. A manifesto has been issued by the Austrian Government granting official pardon, "by the grace of the Emperor," to all subjects under military discipline who have previously deserted or in any other way evaded their military duties.

An important proviso has been added to this announcement, however. All to whom this dispensation applies must, in order to receive pardon, present themselves at once for military service without waiting for a summons. The manifesto practically means that there is a general amnesty for military evasion of any kind and for disregarding of orders or responsibilities to their country.

It is anticipated that when this becomes widely known there will be an exodus of some thousands from Canada. There are in this country large numbers of Austrian subjects, especially Galicians, who managed to escape from military service, and it is expected that these, when they know there is no risk of punishment, will gladly go home.

No Notice to Servians.

Servians in Toronto, though growing daily more sullen and anxious, have received no notice of any kind either from their Government or from their Consul in New York. When seen yes-

terday by The Globe the leading spirits plainly showed a note of disappointment. They expected at least a note to hold themselves in readiness, they said, or a possible call for those in a position to go home unaided.

That the Servian Government has ignored the little colony here can easily be understood when it is considered that not more than two hundred and fifty at the most, could offer themselves for service. As admitted by themselves, they have no money, for most of them are out of work, and at best they could only go home through Government assistances. It is true they have offered themselves. Three days ago a letter was sent to Prof. Michael J. Pupin of Columbia University, their Consul at New York, but no reply has been received.

May Join Kinsmen in U. S.

Prof. Pupin may summon Toronto's little band at any time, however, for it appears he is actively organizing Servians in the United States into a huge army. In the United States, it seems, there is a secret political organization, known as the Servian Federation of America. Professor Pupin is its President, and there are some 20,000 Servians on the roll. In this number are included the Toronto colony, who have subscribed to its funds and are therefore entitled to be numbered amongst those who will share in any active movements of the Federation.

That some Servians have already moved seems certain. Mr. Roden Kingsmill told The Globe yesterday that his gardener, a Servian reservist who held the rank of Sergeant, left by the morning train in response to a telegram recalling him.

May Enter Via Russia.

The majority of Servians, after long battling with maps and many strong arguments, now place their hopes on Russia as an avenue of access to their country. Every other entry seems blocked to them.

It is somewhat ludicrous to listen to the arguments and political opinions expressed by members of the colony. George Stoyanoff, a very intelligent Macedonian, speaking excellent English, translated the conversations, and many wild statements were recounted. Germany is a bete noire to all. On her is laid the blame of the present crisis, and many are the bitter things said of that country.