

VANCOUVER GERMANS NOW IN FATHERLAND

Others Are Making Ready to
Gird On Their Armor to
Battle for Country.

A number of influential Germans resident in British Columbia, who have not yet taken out their Canadian citizenship papers, will return to the Fatherland to take up arms for the emperor, while others who have been sojourning in Europe have already been called to arms. Among the latter are Alvo von Alvensleben and Ernest von Graevenitz, who hold commissions in the German army as lieutenant and captain respectively. Baron Rochus von Luttwitz, who is a captain in the Third Grenadiers, went to Germany some little time ago and while on his way back to Canada received orders to return to his regiment. Baron Ernest von Scherr-Thoss, who was also in Europe at the time hostilities were threatening, received orders to assume his studies as a senior lieutenant.

Bodo von Alvensleben, manager of the firm of that name in Victoria and brother of Alvo von Alvensleben, holds a commission as lieutenant in

the Fourth regiment of Curassiers. He returned to the old country by way of Seattle on Friday of last week.

Ernest von Graevenitz is an excellent soldier and won innumerable prizes in the German army for military racing. Other Vancouver Germans who will return to fight for their country if needed are Baron Albrecht von Lelebur, Bassermann, Baron Feinberg, von Campo, Otto Pleticha, secretary of the local German club, and Mr. Hasebrinck.

The local German Press points out the duty of Germans, Austrians and Hungarians in Canada, both as to those who have not yet become Canadian citizens and those who have. The following is the wording of the notice:

German Press' Advice.

"To the Germans, the Austrians and the Hungarians in Canada! The war in Europe in its present extension and as it may develop according to the different alliances of the European countries, will put many Germans, Austrians and Hungarians in Canada, who are able to take part in active military service; face to face with the question what they are going to do in view of this event.

"As far as they are still subjects of their countries of origin, it is a matter of course that they will have to obey the call to the arms and even such subjects of the German Empire, of Austria and of Hungary, who are not compelled to serve in the army, may volunteer to serve their countries without violating any of their duties towards Canada.

"Those, however, who have severed their allegiance to the old countries and who have become naturalised citizens of Canada, are in duty bound to side with their adopted fatherland, i. e., with Canada, and the British Empire respectively. They would have a right to volunteer services to the old country only if it was not a

fight with the British Empire. As matters stand, however, and since the possibility exists at any minute that England may be drawn into the present conflict, it is absolutely out of question for such naturalized citizens to return to their old countries or to take up arms for them."

Mr. H. E. Lichtenstadt, C. P. R. agent at Trieste, Austria, arrived on the Empress of Russia and is touring the world, after hearing of the troubles in Europe. Immediately called on the imperial and royal

Austrian-Hungarian consul in Vancouver and presented himself for duty, he being a lieutenant in the army. After receiving the information that he would be obliged to await orders until entire mobilization of the Austrian army was ordered, he declared he would go anyway and immediately left on the C. P. R. Imperial Limited for the east, where he hopes to be able to procure passage for Europe from Montreal, if such a thing is impossible of attainment, in New York.