

# WE ARE LOYAL TO THE KAISER BUT CAN'T GO

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Children, Ask Local  
Germans

## TRANSPORTATION CAUSING TROUBLE

Ruthenians Scoff at Appeals of  
Priests to Fight for  
Francis Joseph

"We are loyal to the Kaiser. We wish to return to the fatherland and fight, but in the meantime, who is to look after our wives and children?" This was a poser put by several German reserves who presented themselves at the German consulate today. The consul could give them no consolation. He could not promise that mail would be delivered, and he definitely stated that there would be no possibility of womenfolk drawing half-pay from local German government offices. The inquirers had to go away and figure out the matter for themselves.

"We have received not a single word from official sources," said the Imperial German consul to The Tribune. "Except for what we have read in the British newspapers here we do not know that there is any war in progress. I devoutly hope that all the papers say is not true."

### Swiss Anxious

"There is no lack of applicants," said Consul John Erzinger, referring to the call from Switzerland for reservists. "We have several hundred Swiss who are particularly anxious to go back and protect their country, but the proposition we are up against is that of transportation. The men are expected to pay their own fares, but this office would arrange the passages if it were possible. It is not, however, and until we hear from the Consul-General at Montreal our men must stay where they are."

Desperate efforts are being made by the Austrian government to recall for service the thousands of Austrian subjects who are at present in Canada. In every Austrian, Ruthenian and Gallician newspaper the official manifesto has been printed, demanding all subjects to report at once to the nearest Imperial consulate.

At nine o'clock this morning and remaining until after noon about fifteen hundred Austrians and Hungarians veritably besieged the consulate in the Keewayden building. As fast as possible the consul and his aides vised passports and examined reservist papers. Exactly what instructions were given the men could not be officially obtained as the Austrian consul here seems to have the impression that the Imperial censorship decree passed by the home government applies to consulates in foreign parts.

### Scoff at Priests

That a large number of the subjects of the Emperor Francis Joseph will

utterly refuse the call was the impression gained at the Ruthenian Orthodox church yesterday. Large numbers of Galicians and Ruthenians gathered outside on McGregor street and discussed the matter. "The Serbs are Slavs," many declared, "why should we return to shed the blood of our kin."

During the whole of Sunday four priests went about in the large Ruthenian colony of East Selkirk preaching war and urging the men to go back and fight for "The Church and the Emperor." In several places the men, although members of the Orthodox church, openly scoffed at the message of the fathers. "We have had nothing but hardship from Francis Joseph," they shouted. "Why should we fight for him."

Consul J. Collon, of Belgium, announced that several hundred subjects of King Albert had already signified their intention of returning to fight for their country. All told there are about 1,500 Belgian reservists in Winnipeg and St. Boniface.