

# AUSTRO-GERMAN CITY CONSULATES ARE CLOSED DOWN

Both the German and Austro-Hungarian Consulates in Montreal have been closed upon the instructions of the respective Ambassadors at Washington; and though the American Consul-General, William Harrison Bradley, has not yet confirmed the statement, it may be taken for granted that the American Consul-General has been asked to look after the interests of these two nations, as his colleagues in the Paris and St. Petersburg consulates are doing.

The German Consulate was open yesterday morning, and although it had earlier been admitted that steps were being taken to relinquish duties at the Consulate, press representatives, who called yesterday were refused all information. Yesterday afternoon, upon the receipt of instructions from Washington, the German offices in the Shaughnessy building were closed, the German escutcheon was removed from the door, and the staff dispersed. Dr. Lang, the Consul-General, had only been in the city a few days, having returned, it was said, from a business trip in the west. It is stated that Dr. Lang has either gone or is going to New York, with Mr. Walter Dorkey, the vice-consul.

## AUSTRIAN OFFICES.

At the Austro-Hungarian Consulate, the position is rather different. Hermann Hann von Hannenheim, the Consul-General, stated that so far as official business is concerned the Consulate is closed, but the offices will remain open for the purpose of giving advice and assistance to Austro-Hungarians here.

Everything has been done at the Austro-Hungarian Consulate to preserve the amenities and prevent any kind of friction or trouble, subjects of the dual monarchy in Canada having been officially advised to return to their homes and quietly pursue their avocations. Prince Hohenlope, who made this statement, wants, as becomes a good Austrian, to get back to his country, there to take his part; but at the moment he says it does not seem clear how he is to cross the ocean. Ever since he came to Canada last year, the Prince has gone on winning his way into the hearts of Montrealers, and he in turn admits that he has spent an enjoyable time here.

## SEEMS BRITISH.

Emil Hansel, another officer in the Austro-Hungarian Consulate, seems by ties to be as much or more British than Austrian. He came here a few months ago from London, where he was secretary to the Consul; and prior to that he had spent twenty years in service in Australia, and is the author of a book on that Dominion. Mr. Hansel married an Australian and all his children were born under the British flag.

The Teutonia Club in Dorchester street, which has been the rendezvous of Montreal Germans for years past, was closed yesterday.