

# CONSULS TO LEAVE WITHIN 48 HOURS

## Dominion Order-in-Council Re-quires Closing of All German Consulates.

## Aliens May Not Be Allowed in United States If on Way to War Zone.

Following the formal declaration of war by Great Britain the Dominion authorities at the instance of the Imperial Government have closed all German consulates in Canada, and given the incumbents forty-eight hours in which to leave the country. Mr. A. T. von Etlinger, who has been acting as German consul in Vancouver, it is said, has produced naturalization papers showing him to be a citizen of the United States. A further international aspect is lent to the case by the statement made by Mr. von Etlinger that he was born in England. It is not officially announced how the ruling will apply in his case.

Mr. Robert E. Mansfield, American consul-general at Vancouver, has been requested to take over the duties of the German consulate. He received instructions from his government this morning to assume charge of German interests here. This policy is in line with the measures adopted in Europe and other countries where the American diplomatic service has been asked to act for Germany.

Advices from Ottawa state that the Dominion authorities have decided not to interfere with Germans and Austro-Hungarians resident in this country as long as they preserve a neutral stand. It is understood that orders have been issued calling on the civic authorities to exercise the keenest vigilance to prevent the carrying of arms by aliens.

Instructions are said to have been sent to the United States immigration officers by the Washington authorities prohibiting the entry into the republic of aliens who are being induced or assisted to cross the border en route to the war zone. While this order is not specifically directed at any of the nations involved it will, it is thought in official circles in Vancouver, effectually prevent the passage across the line of local Germans and Austro-Hungarians who have been supplied with the necessary funds to make the trip.

Swiss reserves residing in Vancouver and British Columbia have received instructions to report for service. Mr. B. Gintsburger, consul for Switzerland here, stated this morning that it is planned to charter a vessel flying the British flag in New York to transport the men across to Europe. There are said to be more than 300 Swiss in and around Vancouver. Mobilization orders were issued by the Government of Switzerland a few days ago.