

AUSTRIAN PRINCE HELD BY MILITARY

Garrison Authorities Proceed Against Prince Hobenlohe of Austro-Hungarian Consulate

RELEASED ON PAROLE

Gave Word Not to Engage in Hostile Acts—Papers Were Confis- cated

Prince Alfred Hobenlohe, an attaché of the Austro-Hungarian consulate here, was taken up yesterday afternoon from military headquarters. His Serene Highness, who has for some months been a familiar figure at the Ritz-Carlton and in social circles and who has made many friends since his arrival in Montreal, was taken to headquarters, where he was questioned by military officials regarding his intentions subsequent to the declaration of war made by Great Britain against Austria-Hungary on Wednesday. At the close of the interview Prince Hobenlohe was escorted to his apartments in Leinster street west and certain of his papers, which, under existing conditions, the military authorities considered would be safer in their keeping, were confiscated.

After a brief declaration of his intentions, the prince was then released on parole that he would not engage in any hostile acts while in Canada.

Prince Hobenlohe, who has been an attaché of the Austrian Embassy here for the past four or five months, belongs to the Austrian branch of the family of Hohenlohe, which split after the wave of revolt which swept over Europe, the branch of which he is a member leaving Germany and settling in Austria. His father was prime minister of Austria not many years ago and his grand-uncle succeeded Bismarck as chancellor of the German Empire.

Arriving here early last winter, he took up his residence at the Ritz-Carlton, but a short time after his arrival he was recalled to Vienna by the sudden death of a brother. He returned here four months ago and again took up his duties at the Austrian Embassy.

Personally the Prince is a man of charming manners and an engaging personality. He speaks French fluently and having moved largely in English society of late has become very proficient in that tongue as well. Up to a short time ago he has been a familiar figure at the select dances given at the Ritz-Carlton.

Prince Hobenlohe regards his "arrest" in the light of a mere formality and celebrated the incident last night by playing bridge at the home of an English friend.