

CLAIM PRIVILEGE OF FIGHTING FOR ALLIES

SLAVS OR RUSSIANS EMIGRATED FROM AUSTRO-HUNGARY WAIT ON PREMIER.

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Ottawa, April 7.—A delegation representing the Slav or Russian population who have emigrated from portions of the Austro-Hungarian Empire to Canada waited upon the Prime Minister yesterday and strongly affirmed their warm support of the allied cause, and of their utter detestation of the purpose and methods of the Central powers. They affirm that since the war broke out many of their immediate relatives and friends resident within the Austrian Empire have been pursued, imprisoned and even murdered, by reason of their sympathy with the allied cause.

The delegation also expressed the warm desire and hope that the Military Service Act might be applied to their men of military age, and that these men, although born within the Austro-Hungarian Empire, might be permitted to fight with other Canadians in the battle line. As one member of the delegation expressed it, they claim the privilege of fighting for the country of their adoption, and they would feel humiliated if they had no part in the final victory which must come to the allied cause.

The delegation was introduced by Mrs. Harry Lardner Chapin of New York, who has taken a warm interest in these people. Mrs. Chapin's husband enlisted in the American air service and is now a prisoner in Germany. The members of the delegation were: Rev. Archimandrite Adam Philippovsky, Victor H. H. Ladyk and Thomas A. Fuyarchsik.