

FOUR AUSTRIANS TO BE INTERNED

Participation in Bolsheviki Rally Caused Parole to be Revoked

MORE MAY FOLLOW

Thirty-Two Men Claiming Russian Nationality Will Be Passed Through Im- migration Sieve

Of the thirty-nine aliens who were arrested at Prince Arthur Hall on Sunday afternoon in a meeting for the propagation of Bolsheviki doctrines, four who were Austrians on parole and who were reporting regularly, will be committed to an internment camp, since they were clearly acting in a way contrary to their pledge of good behavior and good faith in relation to the Allies. Three others have been released, as they were able to prove that they were in no way directly connected with the organization, but had only gone to the meeting out of curiosity. The remaining thirty-two will be brought before a joint board of the Immigration authorities and the Registrar of alien enemies (Capt. J. N. Carter), when they will be passed through a fine sieve in regard to their nationality and history in this country. They all claim to be of Russian nationality, but it is suspected that when that claim is closely scrutinized, some of them will be traced down to enemy origin; if so, they also will go into an internment camp. After that examination the federal authorities will decide whether there is any special ground for prosecution of all or some of the group.

MOVEMENTS WATCHED.

The preparations for the meeting on Sunday had not passed unnoticed by either Capt. Cartier of the alien enemies office or by the Director of Public Safety Tremblay, and the telegram which they found in the documents seized, being a message from I. Okustzef of New York regretting that he had been unable to obtain passport to proceed to Montreal, was no news to these officers. It was only a question as to whether a meeting should be allowed to go right through, with a special reporter present, or whether it should be raided. The latter course was taken, and the ready way in which a sum of \$1000 was raised by the Bolsheviki sympathizers when they thought they could bail their friends out, indicates that it was a safer proceeding not to let the case go through the police courts in the usual way, since some of them might have managed to get their liberty on bail and drag their cases on indefinitely.

Capt. Carter stated yesterday that this movement of alien Social Democrats has its headquarters at Winnipeg, and they had a branch office in Montreal. He asserted that any meetings of that character would be promptly suppressed.