

MEN WITH GERMAN AND AUSTRIAN ACCENT WERE DISMISSED FROM RANKS

Rejected Man Tells of How He
Came to be in His Present
Position.

Montreal, Dec. 4.—Discharged from the active militia at Salisbury Plain, as "undesirable aliens," twenty-nine men arrived in the city this morning and will leave tonight for the west and other points. The story of their dismissal was related by L. Etzstein, formerly private of the fifth battalion, second infantry brigade, who enlisted from Maple Creek, Sask.

"We were sent away," he said, "because we spoke German and Austrian. I was born in France. My father is French but moved to Alsace Lorraine where I grew up. Just before I was old enough to serve in the German army I ran away and my father is now a prisoner, arrested as he was trying to get back to France to my sister. My mother was partly German, so I suppose that is why I was sent away from England. Of course I speak German well.

"We were kept in guard room for eight days, marched there by men with fixed bayonets before we knew we were locked up. Then we were sent back to the boat under guard, with fixed bayonets, and locked up. That gave us a sad feeling. I was anxious to fight for Britain and some of the others have Canadian naturalization papers. I had lived in the west for three years and call myself naturalized. Some of the men had gone to the west from the United States. We landed at St. Johns. It was a horse boat that brought us. Four of the men were medically unfit, but the only reason we were sent back, was because we spoke German or Austrian, and were suspected on that account. Some Englishmen were also discharged for this same reason, and a Pollock who spoke German as well as his tongue. Our officers had kind feelings for us, and were sorry to see us go. I was so sad I cried. Now what can I do? We had to give back all our clothes, but they gave me this civilian coat and overcoat I wear. The shirt I bought myself. These boots are ones I wore at Valcartier. Some others discharged had been German soldiers. I suppose the officers were afraid they

spoke German or Austrian they were not kept. Some had lived in England for years and years, like their fathers and mothers, but because they spoke German or Austrian they were discharged. I suppose they were of German descent. Now we are here: we get pay to the day of our discharge and go back to where we came from."

Mexican's Reckless Firing

Naco, Ariz., Dec. 7.—The governor says he is sending to the state department an urgent message in behalf of the citizens of Naco, Ariz., because of the reckless firing from the warring Mexicans across the border in Naco, Sonora.