

DEATH IS PENALTY FOR NON-OBEDIENCE OF CALL TO ARMS

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There are about 250 Austrian Poles living in Brandon who will be obliged by their oaths, as taken when they enlisted in the Austrian army, to rejoin the colors of their respective regiments directly the word is given by the Austrian Consul in Winnipeg, and this word is expected to arrive here on Wednesday next, August 5. This fact was gleaned by making enquiries of a number of influential Austrians and others having business dealings with foreigners here. The number who will have to obey the mandate when it arrives is variously estimated at from 200 to 350. Nearly all these men are reservists and are bound by a very binding oath to return to Austria in time of national stress, and any refusing to obey the call when it comes can never hope to revisit their native land, as the penalty of non-obedience is death.