

AUSTRIANS WILL NOT GO TO FIGHT

Two Thousand in Ottawa Decide Against Going Back to Scrap

Special Dispatch to The Herald.

OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—Two thousand Austrians at a great mass meeting held in the foreign quarter of Ottawa last night decided they would refuse to obey the call to arms on the part of their country. They were most of them members of the Social Democratic party. A resolution was passed protesting against the war and condemning war and war-makers.

An ex-Austrian officer named A. Plaga was nearly mobbed when he appealed to his countrymen to join the Austrian army, and fight for their flag. "Let us grasp the gun and sword," he said, "and fight against France, Russia and Britain." Immediately there was an uproar. There were shouts of "traitor," "spy," "murderer" and "autocrat."

Plaga, who had been a local leader in the party, was expelled, and it was stated that it had been found he was a paid agent of the Austrian government. Michael Chopowik advised all present to stop at home and not go to Austria to become food for guns. J. Wojewski declared that it was a shame to be asked to return home to be slaughtered. He pointed out that in fighting for Austria they would be fighting with England, whose citizens they should be sent.