

LOCAL CONSULS

ARE VERY BUSY; AWAIT MORE NEWS

At the Austro-Hungarian Consulate this morning a Star representative was informed that no fresh news had been received from Europe, and nothing was known beyond that which had appeared in the papers. The Consul-General, Hermann Hann von Hannerheim, was himself very busy, and a score or so of workless and moneyless men whom the Immigration Department had ordered deported thronged the offices, but the outbreak of war had nothing whatever to do with these men's movements.

Inquiry at the German Consulate elicited the fact that the Consul-General, Dr. Carl Lang, is away in the West of Canada on a business trip. The Chancellor, William Bergoldt, who reigns in his stead, said: "The few Germans on the reserve list who are in Canada do not trouble us very much in any shape or form." We are here looking after our business as usual, and are in no way embarrassed. As to the situation in Europe, it is a political one; it would be indiscreet on my part to express an opinion."

At the Russian Consulate, a representative of The Star was informed that the Russian Consul-General, M. Likhatchev, would not be down until noon, and that it was impossible to see him at his private residence. At noon another call was made at the Consulate, and one of the two clerks engaged in the outer office, who went into the Consul-General's sanctum, returned with the statement that the gentleman was too busy to be seen."

"I may safely say that the Italians will never willingly fight for Austria against Great Britain and France," said Dr. A. Caramelli this morning. "There is no Italian that ever liked the name of Austria and we have not forgotten the cruelties committed by that nation in Italy and we never shall. I have been an officer of the Italian army and I can vouch that the feeling of the Italian army is not incompatible with the feelings of the Italians as a whole—a dislike and contempt for the Austrian Government. I would like to know therefore how Italian soldiers will ever be able to fight side by side with Austrian soldiers against Great Britain and France, who have always opened their doors to us and who have always befriended us in the hour of need. Great Britain was the principal factor in the Unity of Italy. Those who are ignorant of Garibaldi's history should read it."