

WARNS AUSTRIANS TO REMAIN QUIET

Consul-General Instructs Canadian Reservists to Stay at Home

REGISTRATION CEASES

With Declaration of War No Further Official Efforts to Send Soldiers Back—Very Few Have Gone

With the official declaration of war between Great Britain and Germany, which of course included Austria-Hungary, as Germany's ally, the efforts of the German and Austro-Hungarian consulates to round up their reservists for registration as candidates for both hostile armies ceased. No action was taken by the Canadian Government or the militia department to prevent this work. The consuls recognized that it would be impossible to make their offices hostile headquarters within the British Empire, and the business stopped. Where previously day after day the Austrian consulate had been crowded all the time with hundreds of Austrian and Hungarian reservists registering for active service, and wondering how they were going to get to it, or stay away from it, the offices yesterday were empty save for the staff.

This, however, made little real difference, since the only formality gone through during the rush was to take the names of the men offering. There was no method of getting them across the water, since no vessels were available, and the home governments had supplied no funds to carry the men back.

Mr. Hans von Hanneheim, the Austrian consul general, stated yesterday that he had taken prompt measures as soon as war was actually declared.

"This morning," said the Austrian consul general, "I sent out notices to all Austrians resident in Canada warning them to keep absolutely quiet. They are now notified not to move from their places of residence, that they must on no account take part in any public demonstrations or disturbance, and that they must implicitly obey any orders they may receive from local authorities or from the police."

"I sent out this warning to the Austrians in Canada," said Mr. von Hanneheim, "in order to prevent any possibility of disorders in places where there may be a large number of Austrian people—that is my only aim at the present juncture of affairs."

CONSULATE MAY CLOSE

Mr. von Hanneheim said that events had happened so quickly that he could not venture any idea as to what would happen with regard to the consulate here. It might cease to exist at any moment, he said, but this would entirely depend upon instructions from the Austrian government, which would be forwarded through the Austrian ambassador at Washington, as cable communication with Austria was now entirely cut off from Canada.

It was stated that so far very few Austrians from outside had reported here, most of those registering being residents of Montreal.

At the German consulate the same quiet prevailed, and no further registration was taking place. It was stated that no effort had been made by the consulate to forward reservists home, the German principle being that it was the duty of those liable to service to make their own way back as speedily as possible. It was not known whether the German consulate would be kept open here during the war or not.

An additional number of Germans left Montreal last night for New York, on their way back to Germany, all of them paying their own expenses. It was stated by several of these reservists that they had already bought their tickets across the ocean, and expected to sail from New York on the Rotterdam on the 11th.