

ALIEN ENEMIES

HAVE LEFT RITZ

German and Austrian Employees Discharged Yesterday, Including Asst. Manager

From today there will be no German or Austrian help at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel. For weeks past a strong agitation has existed amongst the patrons of the uptown hotel to have the management dispense with the employees belonging to both the German and Austrian nationalities, and after the wrecking of the Lusitania the protest was renewed with such vigor that a decision was reached that the assistant manager and the dozen or so of waiters, barbers and kitchen hands belonging to the enemy nations must go. J. Christian Schlee, a Bavarian who has been assistant manager almost since the hotel was opened, left last evening for Chicago, accompanied by his wife, and it is understood that he will look for a similar position in that city. Mr. Schlee was a good-natured man, but without being openly objectionable, he never felt it necessary to hide his pro-German sympathies, declaring to the last that his countrymen would win out in the end. He gave those who conversed with him on war topics to understand that he did not have any great sympathy with Prussia, yet the Potsdam war lord seemingly commanded his loyalty and his admiration. Mr. Schlee never seemed to realize that his presence at the Ritz was objectionable, and he spoke as if the conflict was a game of chance, and that should one side triumph over the other, no hard feeling should exist on either side. He realized, however, that the measure which had been full to the brim before the Lusitania tragedy was now overflowing, and apparently he was little surprised when the word came that he was not to stand upon the order of his going.

The obnoxious barber was a pro-German out and out, and he would gloat over any British reverse even when a patriotic Britisher was in his chair, consequently there was more rejoicing last evening, when he severed his connection with the establishment than in any other case, for it is understood that the dismissed waiters and the workers in the kitchen were harmless, and that the only thing against them was their nationality.

Although many complaints have been lodged at the Windsor, no action has

yet been taken, and in spite of the
Lusitania catastrophe the German em-
ployees still hold on.