

RESERVISTS CANNOT GET BACK.

Another problem before the cabinet council is in regard to what action shall be taken in preventing German and Austrian reservists from leaving Canada to take up arms, probably against Great Britain. The solution of this problem, however, is simplified by the fact that trans-Atlantic communication, except under government protection and control, is already almost completely cut off. The German and Austrian reservists now in Canada would probably have to remain here even without any governmental intervention. The practical difficulties even in the way of reaching Germany or Austria via the United States are so great as to be well high prohibitive. The officials of the privy council office have been busy for the last few days looking up questions of international law relating to contraband of war and the declaration of London.

Other officials of the government in the trade and commerce and agricultural and militia departments are busily taking stock of food supplies, military equipment, supplies of horses available for cavalry remounts, ammunition, and transport facilities.

There are no political differences in the present crisis. Sir Wilfrid Laurier sent word yesterday that he was cutting short his holiday in Arthabaska and starting at once for the capital. He arrived tonight, and is ready to cooperate with Premier Borden in all necessary measures for the assistance of the Netherlands and the defence of the empire. Other Liberal leaders will be here tomorrow on the same mission.