

AUSTRIANS REFUSE TO RETURN HOME; HOLD MASS MEETING

Mob Government Agent Who Urged Them to Fight Against England

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OTTAWA, Aug. 4.—Two thousand Austrians, at a great mass meeting held in the foreign quarters 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. Piaga 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!" Piaga, 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 stay at home and not to go to Austria to become food for guns. J. Wujewski declared that it was a shame to be asked to return home to be slaughtered. He pointed out that fighting Austria, they would be fighting with England, whose citizens they would be at present.

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