

Canada's German Citizens Are Prisoners of War Cannot Leave Country

**May Possibly be Expelled as in the Case With France in 1870
—Austro-Hungarians in Slightly Different Position as
Declaration of Hostilities is not Against That Nation**

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OTTAWA, Aug. 5.—German citizens in Canada are in the position of prisoners of war if the government cares to use any compulsion upon them.

The practice usually is to leave the citizens of a hostile country undisturbed; sometimes, however, they are expelled, as France did with the Germans in 1870, because they were considered dangerous. In a case where the citizens of a hostile country include a large number of reservists, the government can prevent their departure.

The authorities here have made no announcement on this matter and nothing can be learned as to what will be done. The Austro-Hungarians are in a slightly different position, at least it is considered that the relations of Britain to Austria-Hungary are not very clear, since Britain has not formally declared a state of war against that country.

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