

# CONSULS CEASE OFFICIAL WORK

## German Consulate Closed Yesterday and Staff Will Leave for United States

## AUSTRIAN CONSUL STAYS

## But Will Only Act in Advisory Capacity—U.S. Consul May Take Over Representation of Two Nations

Montreal no longer has consular representation from either Germany or Austria-Hungary. Both these consulates were closed yesterday, on instructions from their respective ambassadors at Washington, and it is understood that official communication has been turned over to the American consul-general, Mr. William Harrison Bradley. This, however, has not been confirmed by Mr. Bradley.

The German Consulate was open yesterday morning, but during the afternoon instructions were received from Washington, and the offices in the Shaughnessy Building were promptly closed. The German escutcheon which had hung before the door was removed, the signs on the door cleared off, the staff left the office, and no official communications were longer possible. Dr. Lange and his staff left their offices, and even the elevator boy knew nothing about what they were doing.

Mr. Walter Dorken, the vice-consul, was also out of the city; so that it was impossible to secure any information as to the movements of the Consulate staff, although it was generally understood that they intended leaving for New York without delay.

At the Austro-Hungarian Consulate the official insignia had been removed. The Austrian hatchment which had emblazoned the wall outside the office was veiled, and a curtain hung before the door, which was locked.

The staff, however, had not left, and were all busily at work catching up with the business which had gone behind during the feverish rush of the past few days.

It was stated by Mr. Hans von Hanneheim, the consul-general, that so far as official business was concerned the Consulate had closed, on instructions from the Austrian ambassador at Washington. But the consul stated there was no immediate intention of leaving Montreal. The Consulate, he said, would continue to remain open, in a non-official capacity, for the purpose of giving advice and assistance to any citizens of the dual empire who might apply.

Much anxiety was displayed by a number of German and Austrian citizens in Montreal yesterday by the circulation of reports that all citizens of these hostile nations now in Canada were liable to arrest and deportation. Owing to the closing of the consulates no information on this point was available, but it was generally considered that if they followed the advice already given by the Austrian consul-general, and remained quiet, attending to their business and taking no part in public demonstrations, they would not be liable to any interference, either official or otherwise.

As a natural result of the declaration of war and the closing of the consulates, all efforts to send reservists back to take their places with the hostile armies have ceased. Practically the only work done by the consulates has been to register those who were willing to serve if sent back.

The Teutonia Club, on Dorchester street, which has been the headquarters of Montreal Germans for many years past, was also closed yesterday. No official orders to this effect were issued, but apparently it was considered by the officials of the club that, in the present circumstances, it would be better to close up.