

# SWISS CALLED TO COUNTRY'S DEFENCE

## Lieut. Schulthess and Other Natives of European Republic Resident Here Will Re- spond to Mobilization Order.

Swiss reservists in Victoria have been asked to report for service to Lieut. Hans C. Schulthess, who is attached to the Army Service Corps of his country, and who proposes to return to his native land to aid in the defence of the neutrality of Switzerland at the earliest opportunity.

As soon as Lieut. Schulthess learned that there was every prospect of Switzerland being involved in the present European military operations he inquired of Mr. S. Gintzburger, consul for British Columbia and Alberta, as to whether he would be needed. No definite answer, he was informed, could be given at that time. Since then, however, he has kept in touch with Consul Gintzburger, and yesterday he received the following telegram:

"You are authorized to take the names and addresses of all Swiss liable to military service. See the notice in The Colonist and tell all to be ready to march."

Lieut. Schulthess, who is the proprietor of a Swiss embroidery store, situated in the Belmont Block, and who has other interests in this Province, states that he has quite decided to leave everything and to respond to the call of his country. He explains that the Swiss Residents here and in other parts of Canada and America are placed in a peculiarly hard position. They must not only forego everything, but it is required that they defray their own transportation expenses. He says, however, that since the call went out there has been an inspiring demonstration of patriotic fervor and determination to rally to the colors. He expected that there would be easily 15,000 from the United States as well as a large number from Canada. It was impossible for him to give any kind of an estimate of the number which might join from British Columbia. Already he had spoken to as many of his countrymen in this city as he knew and all were enthusiastic. Personally he had arranged to start on his journey at an early date.