

MANY AUSTRIANS DEALT WITH BY THE MILITIA YESTERDAY

Some 268 Were Taken in Charge, and All But Four Allowed Liberty.

During the past couple of days, and particularly Sunday, many of our citizens were speculating as to the reasons for the taking in charge by the local militia of large numbers of foreigners, seen passing through the streets under guard.

These men, according to Lieut.-Col Penhorwood, when interviewed by the Daily Star, are all Austrians, many of whom failed to report to the authorities after promising to do so when going on parole, and the remainder are others who during the past two days have been taken in on suspicion.

If all 268 Austrians were taken to the armoury Saturday night and Sunday, and all but four of them have since been released upon taking obligation to observe a neutral position while the hostilities last.