

# KOHLMANN CASE IS BACK TO OTTAWA

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## Sir William Otter Looked Into the Matter While in Toronto

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### WILL RENDER DECISION

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## Various Men Refused to Deal With the Case After First Incident

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Dr. Kohlmann's repose at Stanley Barracks is broken by rumors of Kingston. General Sir W. D. Otter came down from Ottawa to spend last week-end at home and took the opportunity to look into the case. Knowing the Ottawa end of the story, that the exeat had been granted by Sir Robert Borden, he tried to pass on the responsibility of over-riding the exeat and making the temporary internment a permanent one.

Judge Coatsworth thought that when he had gone over the exeat to make the arrest he had done enough and declined the invitation to decide the case. Lieut.-Col. Elliot did not take it, and the police would not, so General Otter came down himself, and took the responsibility back with him yesterday.

#### Affected Judgment.

General Otter went to the office of the Registrar of Alien Enemies and heard Captain Wandless's story of the arrest and its reason. This affected his judgment of the case materially.

He talked over the telephone to Judge Coatsworth whose leanings to clemency are well known. The General on the other hand is a military man. He said that he would send down his decision on the case from Ottawa.

Meanwhile Dr. Kohlmann's American friend has left the country. He was advised to do so. This American friend was instrumental in arranging the trip to Barcelona, via Naples, at the Union Station, beginning of which Dr. Kohlmann was arrested. He had accepted the agency for a South American firm, he said, and wished to go to Spain to learn the language. He desired to take Dr. Kohlmann with him that on the way he might learn German, too. Dr. Kohlmann talked too much and the authorities thought the story a little flimsy. How flimsy General Otter will decide in Ottawa.