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The formal notice of the prohibition of the Ruthenian paper, Svoboda, has been issued from the office of the Registrar of alien enemies and is being distributed throughout the Canadian West. The putting of this paper upon the forbidden list is the result of a campaign which has been carried on for many months by the Free Press. This paper should have been barred out of Canada at the very outset of the war; but this is a case where, emphatically, it is better late than never. Svoboda displayed a considerable amount of shrewdness in the manner in which it carried on its pro-German crusade. It left the British and the French pretty well alone; but concentrated its fire upon Russia, representing the Germans as liberators of the Ruthenian people in the event of the defeat of the Allied nations. The free circulation of this paper in Western Canada has done a great deal of harm, and has complicated the language and race problems which now have to be dealt with in Western Canada.