

ARRESTED AS

ALIEN ENEMY

Alvo von Alvensleben, Former Vancouverite and Confidante of Kaiser, is to be Interned.

TOOK HIS ARREST PHILOSOPHICALLY

Would Join Army Could He Get Back to Fatherland, He Avers.

PORTLAND, Ore., Aug. 9.—Alvo von Alvensleben, once of Vancouver, B. C., a reserve lieutenant in the German army, was arrested at a downtown hotel here yesterday on advices from the attorney-general at Washington, through Seattle, to intern him. Mr. Alvensleben came to Portland by automobile last week. His wife and three children live in Seattle, where he is well known. He took his arrest philosophically and said sooner or later he expected it.

United States Attorney Clarence L. Reames made the arrest and has turned him over to the United States marshal's office to be taken to Seattle. No particular charge is placed against him.

Alvensleben left Germany two days after the outbreak of the war in 1914. He explained his departure from Germany at that time by saying that he had big business interests in the United States and Canada which he felt he could not sacrifice. He had been in the German army a number of years but was on the active list at the outbreak of the war. When he reached America he found he could not go to Canada, in all likelihood, without being interned, and elected to stay in the United States. He has made his residence in Seattle and has attained some social position there. Attorney Reames offered to let von Alvensleben return to Seattle in his automobile accompanied by a secret service officer. This he declined by saying, "What's the use? Sooner or later I must be interned." He admitted that he would return to Germany and enter the army if he could get back. "I am not going to try and deceive you by saying I would not. You ask me why I am here. Of course, why shouldn't you? I have expected this sooner or later."

Watched for Months.

SEATTLE, Wash., Aug. 9.—Alvo von Alvensleben left Seattle for Portland Saturday, July 28, first receiving permission from the special agent of the department of justice to leave Seattle. Necessity for a permit in his case was due to the fact that he has been under government surveillance for several months.

Inquiry at the federal building elicited the information that there was nothing on record against von Alvensleben that should cause his arrest, but of course the Seattle office does not know what developments there may have been at Portland since his arrival there.

With his wife, von Alvensleben occupied apartments at the Washington Hotel here. He has been endeavoring to build up an insurance business since his return from Chicago last April.

The arrest of von Alvensleben at Portland, Carl G. Grossman at Spokane several days ago, and Louis Hollweg Bettenhausen in Seattle, may be part of the government's plan to detain all of the German population that has been under suspicion since the outbreak of the war. The activity of the I. W. W. agitators, coupled with the fact that their leaders seem to be plentifully supplied with money from mysterious sources, was one of the reasons for the government "putting the lid on" the German propagandists, and according to official announcement from Washington, other arrests are expected to follow.