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[BY ATLANTIC CABLE AND A. P.]

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A friend who visited Baron von Horst says he is charged with circulating a manifesto advising the Irish not to enlist in the British army. Baron von Horst denied this.

Both the baron and Clement von Horst are well known in financial and social circles in San Francisco.

For several years past the baron has made his home in London, where his business interests have been large. One of his latest enterprises was the establishment of a string of moving picture theaters.

For a number of years he has been one of the active supporters of a London committee which devotes its energies to opposing Andrew Carnegie and his peace plans, in the avowed belief that Mr. Carnegie was attempting to bring about a union between the United States and Great Britain. He was associated in this work with Miss Lillian Scott Troy of San Francisco, who has appeared several times before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate at

Washington in opposition to the ratification of Anglo-American arbitration treaties.

Baron von Horst attained prominence in the suffrage agitation in England by appearing many times as a bondsman for women accused of breaking the peace. He speaks English without an accent, having been taken at the age of 5 years to America, where he was educated.

The baron is confined in the concentration camp at Olympia. Today he sent a request to see Richard Westcott of the American Consulate.

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[BY A. P. NIGHT WIRE.]

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The baron replied that he was not afraid, as he was taking no part in the conflict.

Horst said that the baron was an American citizen at one time, because both of their parents, though they came from Germany, were citizens of this country before the birth of the children. Horst did not know, however, whether the baron had changed his citizenship upon acquiring his title.

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