

# "Alien Enemies" of Britain

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LONDON, Nov. 30.—The lives of those officially designated as "alien enemies" in Great Britain are not cheerful these days, although they are not in any danger of insults or violence. The only outbreak against them was the recent riot in the suburbs of London, when several German shops were smashed.

The rioters received a lesson likely to put a damper on future outbreaks. The ring-leader was sentenced to one year in prison, two supporters to six months, and eighteen others were released on bonds under condition that they fulfill their fervently expressed ambition to enlist in Kitchener's army.

Hostility against Germans has been caused principally by the popular belief that all of them are active or possible spies. The most recent campaign in the newspapers has been against the influential and wealthy Germans, who play a powerful part in British financial life. Naturalized Germans, as well as those who retain the allegiance to their birthplace, are under a cloud of suspicion.

## GERMAN-BORN M.P.'S.

There are several German-born members of parliament and by an understanding among themselves they are remaining away from Westminster during the war sessions. None of them has yet resigned. A few days ago several newspapers started an agitation to have all male Germans and Austrians confined in concentration camps and a general round-up was under way. Two cases nipped this movement in the bud. One was the prompt retaliation in Germany, where all English residents were gathered in by police, and the other was the difficulty of finding accommodations for the great number of foreigners who were eligible for the concentration camps.

## TWO CLASSES OF SPIES.

Spies are sharply divided into two classes by British opinion. For the German naval reserve, Lieut. Carl Hans Lody, who was shot in the Tower of London, the papers have had nothing unkind to say. For a naturalized barber named Ernst, who was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, there has been much execration. The judge who sentenced Ernst called him a "contemptible creature," and said that he would have been as willing to betray Germany as he was England, if paid for his work.