

GERMANS HAPPY IN BRITISH PRISON CAMPS

Sports Are Impossible, but the Aliens Keep Themselves Employed Indoors

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Southend, Eng., Dec. 12. German prisoners who were interned at the racetrack at Newbury, concerning which so many complaints were made in German papers, have been moved to other places, many of them being on three British prison ships which are now docked here in command of Col. De Cordes, a retired officer who had long experience in charge of prison camps in the South African war.

Baron Louis Anton Von Horst, whose citizenship has been much in question since the opening of the war, is among the prominent men held on the Royal Edward, a ship formerly in service between Bristol and Canadian ports, which has been converted into a prison ship, together with the liners Saxonla and Ivernia.

Each of the three prison ships here has about 800 Germans on board. Sanitary conditions are excellent on the ships, and it is not unlikely that more vessels will be added to the prison fleet, as this means of caring for Germans is especially satisfactory.

At Queen's Ferry, in Wales, an unused iron works has been taken over for the use of prisoners, and several hundred men are quartered in the building. The establishment overlooks the sea, and is surrounded by several acres of land enclosed by a high board fence on three sides. The prisoners have a large ground for football and other sports. Lack of employment is the great problem in all the prison camps. Bad weather makes sports impossible, and the men are unable to amuse themselves satisfactorily in their cramped quarters. In many of the camps they have learned to knit, and busy themselves making socks and neck scarfs.