

THE "CITIZENSHIP" OF GERMAN-AMERICANS.

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Our German-Americans who are citizens and not merely sojourners among us, were supposed when they took out their naturalization papers to have abandoned their allegiance to Germany, and to have sworn fealty to our institutions. Now many of them are acting as if they were never Americans at all, but merely Germans who live here for convenience. They are looking at this whole question, not from the American point of view, but the German. When they demand that all shipments of arms to Europe be stopped, it is because they favor Germany, and are working in her interest. When they say they desire to elect Congressmen who shall "compel the Administration to enforce strict neutrality," they mean that, since the laws, by reason of British control of the sea happen to favor the Allies, they wish those laws changed. If they happened to favor Germany we should hear not a word from the German-Americans. They are judging thus upon what will help Germany; how it affects the United States they care not at all. They are, for instance, outspoken not only against England, but against Japan; for Germany's sake they are playing upon the string of racial prejudice and are apparently quite willing to intensify the misunderstandings between the United States and the Mikado's people, without thought of the peril.