

# BRITISH CROWDS TURN LOOSE ON FOE'S PROPERTY

In London and Many Other Cities They Wreck Offices, Shops, and Warehouses.

## RAIN COMES TO AID OF AUTHORITIES

Stock Exchange and Clubs Ask Men of Alien Origin to Remain Away.

Canadian Press Despatch.

London, May 13.—"It is not likely even now that the Government will take the bold course of interning every male enemy alien of military age," says the Times, which declares the cases will be considered on their merits, and it is understood that no new measures will be taken against naturalized Germans and Austrians.

"The position of many of these men, some highly placed, is the crux of a new situation, with which the nation is confronted," says the Times. "Changes in law would be needed to discriminate against those who are legally British citizens, and the Government does not intend to introduce any fresh legislation on this subject."

The Times publishes to-day the names of a considerable number of prominent Germans who have written to express their abhorrence of German methods of warfare and their devotion to the land of their adoption.

### Stock Exchanges and Clubs.

A memorial to the Lord Mayor of London is being extensively signed by alien members of the stock exchange, repeating with emphasis the oath of allegiance they took when they became naturalized British subjects, and expressing their unqualified condemnation of the barbarous methods of warfare which have been adopted in Germany.

Several of the London clubs to-day decided to ask Germans, although they are naturalized British subjects, not to use the club premises during the war.

Another story says that a special Cabinet order for the internment of all male enemy aliens was to be promulgated to-day in response to demands from all sections of the country since the torpedoing of the Lusitania. The authorities expressed the hope that the issuance of this order would put a stop to the mob scenes occurring all over England.

### Rain Disperses Crowds.

A heavy downpour of rain early to-day dispersed anti-German mobs that ran amuck all over London during the night, defying the police. Following a night of terror, frightened German residents to-day were barricaded in their homes in many districts. Strict orders were given the police to use drastic means to prevent a repetition of the riotous scenes, and the authorities promised severe punishment for the mob leaders arrested last night.

The first case of an inn being looted occurred in the Blackfriars district of London last night when a mob attacked the Crown Inn near St. George's Church, turned the German landlord into the street, and helped themselves to liquor. A small detachment of police was helpless against the big crowd.

In Lambeth, Kennington, Bow, Deptford, Finsbury, Islington, and Wood Green—in fact in virtually all the poorer districts of the metropolis—shops belonging to aliens of enemy countries, or of British subjects of German descent, were wrecked and their contents thrown into the street. Many arrests were made.

Later in the day rioting broke out again in certain parts of the city. A German owned public house in Cannington was raided by a mob and partially wrecked.

Several fires were discovered in sections peopled largely by Germans to-day. During the night many German beer halls and shops were wrecked.

Fifty-one buildings, owned or occupied by Germans, have been completely wrecked, thus far. The total damage was estimated by the authorities at \$1,250,000.

### No Distinction Made.

At Camden Town a furniture store was cleared of all its goods, and in Limehouse every window of a large furniture factory was smashed. No distinction was made by the mob between Germans and persons of German descent.

There is hardly an establishment in London this morning owned by a German, or which employs Germans, which has not been damaged, or which is not barricaded to prevent it from being damaged.

The worst riot last night occurred in the Camden Town district, extending from King's Cross northward. It is estimated that in this district at least 150 shops were damaged.

Anti-German demonstrations, virtually ceased at Liverpool and Manchester last night. Two hundred shops were damaged in Liverpool during the disturbances. Rioting in Glasgow has not been serious, although feeling runs high.

### Will Not Sell to Enemy.

At Newcastle and Gateshead many German shops were attacked, the windows broken, and the contents thrown into the street. The movement for refusing to sell goods to Germans is spreading to many towns.