

# ENEMIES MUST BE CAREFUL OF COMMENT

Ottawa, Ont., May 17. — Germans who have received British naturalization papers from the Canadian authorities are the subject of many complaints to the government. Many of them have not been behaving well since the Lusitania was torpedoed. They have openly shown satisfaction with the performance of the German submarine upon the great liner and complaints to this effect have reached Ottawa from many quarters.

## Send Aliens to Camp

A few Germans without naturalization papers have shown signs recently of satisfaction with the asphyxiating gas and submarine exploits of the fatherland. The authorities are able to deal with them under the Alien Enemies act. It is possible to cancel their parole and transport them to concentration camps where they may be assured of sympathetic auditors. But the naturalized German is in a different position. The law does not permit of his being regarded as an alien enemy. He is either a loyal British subject and as such entitled to protection, or he is a traitor, and as such liable to prosecution for treason.

## Treason is Charged

Arrest for treason is a serious thing, and it takes pretty strong talk to render a person liable to conviction upon this charge. A number of persons have been able to anger their neighbors and associates by a show of German sympathy without committing any positive act or making a definite declaration which could be regarded as treasonable.

## Germans the Worst

Since Canadian soldiers were attacked with asphyxiating gas and since the sinking of the Lusitania, a number of such persons have been handed home-made punishment by Canadians whose frame of mind would not permit of the delay necessary for court action. In Montreal and Toronto, to say nothing of Victoria and other Canadian cities, a number of persons of German blood and Canadian naturalization have been handsomely man-handled within the past week.

Austrians who have assumed an irritating attitude are reported to be far less numerous than German Canadians.

Every case reported is being made the subject of enquiry until it is possible that there may be more prosecutions for treason than have taken place up to the present time.