

An effort to secure the release of an interned enemy alien under habeas corpus proceedings has failed here, it being held that the War Measures Act, in a time of war overrides the civil law in certain matters. The Habeas Corpus Act has before this been invoked to prevent what under ordinary circumstances would be illegal restriction of the liberty of the person. During the civil war in the United States the Washington authorities were much worried over appeals to the courts against the orders and actions of their military agents; but in the end the army men generally had their way. When the state is really in danger the rights of the individual become secondary considerations.