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The Only Safe German Is the One That Is Locked Up.

London, Feb. 7.—There are a number of Americans in London, who, while retaining their citizenship, have been brought into close relations with the conduct of the war and who have the views of experts. On the assumption that America and Germany will come to grips, some of these Americans have sought me out to urge advising America that, once we decided on action, we should go after Germany and the Germans the moment the whistle blows. Among the Americans who have had actual war experience is Lt.-Col. Henry W. Thornton, head of the Great Eastern Railway, and one of the executive committee in charge of all railway operations. I have this statement from Colonel Thornton:

"The obviously strained relations which exist between the United States and Germany justify consideration of precautionary measures on the part of the former. It is conceivable that the German Government has foreseen the possibility of a break and will not let any grass grow under its feet.

"Interference on the part of German partisans in America with the manufacture and shipment of munitions of war to the Allied Powers is a warning, which should not be ignored, of what might be done in the event of serious trouble between the two countries, and, having seen something of the methods of German spies and agents, I think it is extremely important that full precautionary measures be adopted in good time to protect the interests of the United States.

"This can only be accomplished by internment, as soon as it can be done, every German and, if possible, German sympathizer, in America. The regular army, state militia and local police could readily take care of such a task.

"This may sound arbitrary, but hostile aliens have no individual rights where the safety of a nation is at stake, and an ounce of prevention is worth several pounds of cure—the only safe German is one that is locked up."