

## SEND INTERIRED HUMS HOME.

**6,000** Germans Will be Traded for  
700 British.

About 700 British subjects will be exchanged for more than 6,000 Germans, according to authoritative information given to a Daily Mail representative in reference to the final agreement as to the exchange of interned civilians over forty-five years old.

The British civilians will come mostly from Huhleben, the Germans from Knockaloe, Alexandra Palace, and other large internment camps. The exchange is to begin at once; but practical questions of ship facilities will cause unavoidable delays. The civilians (both British and German) will be sent home in batches, according to transport arrangements, and the expense will be borne by each Government, "debits" and "credits" to be made when peace is declared.

No man will be repatriated from either country against his wish. If he does not wish to return to his own country (as will, it is believed, be the case with many Germans now in custody in England, particularly those with British wives) he will remain in internment. In addition to the 6,000 Germans whom we are to release, there will probably be a good many who are interned in the dominions, notably Canada. The exchange arrangement applies to them as well.

"People should not draw rash conclusions," an official said, "from the great discrepancy between the number of Germans we are to release in exchange for our own men. The proportion corresponds fairly accurately to the much larger number of German civilians of all ages in our hands than Britons interned in Germany. We shall, of course, have a correspondingly larger number left on our hands. Besides the purely humanitarian aspect of the release of men just emerging from middle life, there is the doubly practical advantage to us of having to feed 6,000 fewer Germans and imposing on the enemy at a moment least desirable to him, the burden of nourishing that extra number."