

STATE'S EVIDENCE.

Truth, like murder, will out. When the Government brought down the War Time Elections Act disfranchising German, Austrian and other alien enemies who had come to this country since 1902, Liberal leaders set up a howl that the measure was not national, but partisan, that the aliens disfranchised were as loyal as any citizens in the country, that their disfranchisement was a breach of faith on Canada's part as heinous as that which Germany committed against Belgium, and that, in short, the act was antagonistic to the principles for which Canadians were fighting and dying in Flanders.

It is perhaps poetic justice that a most complete, effective answer to all such transparent clap-trap should be provided by such a true-blue Liberal paper as the London Advertiser; which, in its edition of last Friday, publishes the following editorial under the caption of "Audacious Pro-Germans":

Some rather startling conditions are being brought to light by the country-wide canvass of housewives for the purpose of obtaining their signatures to cards promising thrift and avoidance of waste. Glaring instances of disloyalty, to put it mildly, have been encountered in Toronto. In one case the canvasser called up an Austrian woman who refused to sign because she did not want the Allies to win. At another house there were several men who, the canvasser was informed by a neighbor, WERE PRO-GERMAN AND JEEERED AT SOLDIERS IN UNIFORM AS THEY PASSED THE HOUSE. There was no signing of the pledge done in that abode. These cases have been reported to the authorities, and action will be awaited.

It is bad enough to know that there are pro-Germans living in the Queen City, and, it is said, in London, too, making their livelihood and enjoying all the privileges of patriots, but it calls for explanation WHEN THESE PEOPLE HAVE THE AUDACITY TO PUBLICLY ANNOUNCE THAT THEY DO NOT DESIRE VICTORY FOR THE ALLIES. When they are so openly hostile in conversation with a person doing what is equivalent to Government work, it is unlikely that they have been reticent in the company of their neighbors. How have they managed to escape arrest and internment? How is it that they are left at liberty to aid actively, if they feel so disposed, the cause which they espouse in their hearts?

It simply amounts to this: Alien enemies in this country despise and laugh at the laws. They make one or two disloyal remarks tentatively, and, finding no punishment follows, they grow bolder, under the impression that the authorities are too lax or not sufficiently patriotic to interfere with them.

There has been too much leniency shown. Now and for the future, every man or woman who is heard to make a disloyal statement ought to be reported to the police, and the latter forced to take action. There ought to be no hesitation on the part of the people in revealing anything they may overhear which is suspicious.

It is these same "audacious pro-Germans," many of whom have the audacity to proclaim that they do not desire victory for the Allies, many of whose friends are fighting in the armies of Germany and who have come to live in Canada since 1902, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier declares should have a voice in the issue as to whether this country should wage more effective war against Germany. Could there be a greater example of the follies and the inconsistencies into which men of intelligence can be led by blind desire for the loaves and fishes of office?