

ALIEN PROBLEM PROVES BIG ONE FOR GOVERNMENT

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Need Watching

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OTTAWA, Oct. 24.—One of the big problems which is pressing for solution by the government at the present time is the handling of the Austrian and German aliens in Canada. In addition to the danger from reservists in the country over whom it is felt there should be stricter surveillance, there is the question of feeding Austrians and Germans who are out of work. Big employers of labor have been dismissing their unskilled men of these nationalities and these find difficulty in securing work. The government refuses to allow them to leave the country so that the problem of feeding and keeping them must be faced.

Officials of the labor department are investigating at the present time to find out how many alien enemies are employed in the larger cities. They may be rounded up and placed in concentration camps. It is estimated that there are from fifty to a hundred thousand Austrian and German aliens in Canada at the present time. A thorough search for weapons is being made and it is likely they will all be compelled to register.

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