

# GERMANS IN BRITAIN LEAD UNEASY LIVES

## Those of High and Low Estate Alike Under a Cloud of Distrust

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

London, Dec. 1.—Siegfried Schneider, a German, startled the officials and spectators at the Bow Street Police Court to-day by calmly admitting that he had served for some time in the British army in France, and that everybody in the Red Cross corps, to which he was attached, was aware of his nationality.

The prisoner was dressed in the regulation khaki uniform. The charge against him was that he failed to register as an alien and travelled more than five miles without a permit. He was arrested at the General Military Hospital in Boulogne, where he was serving as a member of the staff, under the name of Frederick Taylor. He was remanded.

### Rioters Severely Punished.

London, Dec. 1.—The lives of those officially designated as "alien enemies" in Britain are not cheerful these days, although they are not in any danger of insults or violence. The only outbreak against them was the recent rioting in the suburbs of London, when several German shops were smashed. The rioters received a lesson likely to put a damper on further outbreaks. The ringleader was sentenced to one year in prison, two supporters to six months, and eighteen others were released on bonds, under condition that they fulfill their fervently expressed ambition to enlist in Kitchener's army.

Hostility against Germans has been caused principally by the popular belief that all of them are active or possible spies. The most recent campaign in the newspapers has been against the influential and wealthy Germans, who play a powerful part in British financial life. Naturalized Germans, as well as those who retain the allegiance of their birth, are included in the general cloud of suspicion.

There are several German-born members of Parliament, and by an understanding among themselves they are remaining away from Westminster during the war sessions. None of them has yet resigned.

### A "Contemptible Creature."

Spies are sharply divided into two classes by British opinion. For the German naval reserve, Lieutenant Carl Hans Lody, who was shot in the Tower of London, the papers have had nothing unkind to say. For a naturalized barber named Ernst, who was sentenced to seven years' imprisonment, there has been much execration. The Judge who sentenced Ernst called him a "contemptible creature," and said that he would have been as willing to betray Germany as he was Britain if paid for his work. Ernst acted merely as a go-between in forwarding letters for the chief of the German-British espionage system, named Steinaeur, and his wages were only thirty shillings a month. Scotland Yard detectives had been shadowing Steinaeur's work for two years. They intercepted and read his letters, and permitted those to go on which contained harmless or misleading information.