

ANTI-CONSERVATIVE APPEALS TO PRO-GERMAN VOTERS

On the front page of the Alberta Herald a letter signed "K." takes note of the treatment of certain German citizens who have been placed under arrest by the authorities and warns "our friends" not to overlook the risks to which they are exposed.

"Canada" the letter adds, "under its Conservative government has decided to take part in the war against our Fatherland, and the liberties which were formerly assured to 'foreigners' grow less and less."

The emphasis laid on the fact that it is a Conservative government which is doing this can hardly be regarded as accidental. There is no doubt that, if an election should take place before the end of the war, a direct appeal would be made on behalf of Liberal candidates to those whose sympathies are with the Kaiser's armies.

This is something that supporters of the Borden government will have to reckon with. No doubt the Liberal organizations, when confronted with the fact that these appeals are being made, will say that they are not authorized by them; but is there any reason to think that they will not be only too glad to take advantage of them?

The policy of the government has not been an unduly severe one. It was no more than was called for by the desperate nature of the task confronting this and other British countries and, if it is attacked for doing its simple duty, it is entitled to such a measure of support from those who approve of its policy as will more than offset the losses which it will sustain among those to whom this letter in the Alberta Herald is addressed.