

WILL LIKELY HAVE U.S. SUPERVISION OF DETENTION CAMPS

Washington Officials Watch With Interest Develop- ment of Plan

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WASHINGTON, D.C., Feb. 12.—Officials and diplomats here were awaiting today with profound interest development of the plan for the American supervision of detention camps in all the warring European countries.

At least one of the belligerent powers has taken the initiative in pressing the proposal, and it is believed here that if the efforts of Austro-Hungary to obtain a satisfactory answer from Russia to the repeated requests for admission of neutral relief expeditions into Siberia are successful, unanimous approval of general American supervision would follow.

Under the proposed arrangement an American official would be responsible for each camp. Through him the wants of the prisoners would be cared for, and he would further act as the agent for the forwarding and distribution of food, clothing, gifts and money that might be sent to the detained aliens from their home countries.

It is believed that the establishment of such a system of regular and neutral inspection with a frank and unbiased report of the situation, would go far toward eliminating the recurrence of reports of probable reprisals, following rumors of ill treatment at the hands of the enemy, and be a step toward decreasing the unfriendly feeling between the civilian population of the countries at war.