

PEACEFUL GERMANS WILL BE PROTECTED

And Those Who Make Themselves Obnoxious In Canada Will Be Interned.

Ottawa, May 12.—The Dominion does not propose to interfere directly in the matter of dealing with anti-German outbreak such as that which occurred at Victoria Saturday night, following the sinking of the Lusitania. Such action will wherever possible be left to the municipal authorities. At the same time it is announced that any German or any German organization which displays open hostility to the Allies or in this particular instance celebrates the piracy of the Lusitania will render its members liable to instant arrest and internment as prisoners of war. Germans in Canada who behave themselves will be rendered the full protection of the law, while on the other hand, if they seek to make themselves offensive to the patriotic spirit of the country they will lose their liberty. This is designed partly as a protection to enemy aliens themselves since feeling over the sinking of the Lusitania runs so high in some sections of the country that any provocation by Germans resident therein might lead to disturbances which it would be difficult to control.

In this connection, as pointed out, the enforcing of the law will be left to the municipal authorities though if the civil power is not sufficient the aid of local militia may be requisitioned. It has been reported that at Victoria some volunteers damaged German property. The divisional military authority, it is announced, will punish those responsible for these outbreaks.