

MALE ENEMIES TO BE REPATRIATED

Alien Policy of British Government Announced by Asquith —Riots Deprecated.

London, May 12.—Premier Asquith announced in the house of commons today that "all male enemies over military age will be repatriated."

He also said that women and children in suitable cases will be repatriated, though some might remain.

The government proposes to segregate "all adult male aliens for their own safety and for the safety of the country," Premier Asquith told the house of commons.

An advisory board, to consider cases arising out of this ruling, will be formed at once.

How All Will Be Dealt With.

In announcing the alien policy of the government, the premier said:

"At this moment some 40,000 un-naturalized aliens, of whom 24,000 are men, are at large in this country. The government proposes that all adult males of this should, for their own safety, and that of the country, be segregated and interned. If over the military age they should be repatriated.

"The government recognizes there may be cases calling for exceptional treatment. Women and children in suitable cases should be repatriated, but there no doubt will be many cases in which justice and humanity will require that they be allowed to remain.

Judicial Body to Act.

"An official body, judicial in character, will be set up to deal with claims for exemption, and as soon as the military and naval authorities have provided the necessary accommodations, those who have not secured exemption will be interned.

"In the case of naturalized aliens, who in law are British subjects, numbering about 8,000, the prima facie presumption should be the other way, but exceptional cases established to the satisfaction of the advising body will be specially dealt with. There must be powers of internment in cases of proved necessity or danger."

19,000 Already Interned.

Premier Asquith mentioned incidentally that 19,000 non-naturalized alien enemies already had been interned in Great Britain.

Andrew Bonar Law, the leader of the opposition, said he welcomed the premier's statement for the reason that the country was so aroused it was liable to get out of hand.

In response to a question, Premier Asquith defined military age as the period between the ages of 17 and 55.

The general trend of the debate was favorable to the proposal of the government. Ronald McNeill expressed the hope that "Germans in high places, who heretofore have partaken of British hospitality, would have the decency to keep themselves in the background and follow the excellent example of Prince Louis of Battenberg."

In answering points raised during the debate, Premier Asquith said that the case of naturalized aliens would be met under the government scheme by the provision that where there was suspicion against a man a judicial body would have the same power of internment as in the case of an un-naturalized alien.

What was going on over the country, the premier said, was not the methods of sane and sober people. The people had great provocation, he said, but he deplored the outbursts of vindictiveness, which he told his hearers were a dishonor to the name of this country.

Commoner Thorne interposing that some newspapers had incited the people, Mr. Asquith replied:

"More shame to those papers."