

ALIEN RESIDENTS

Ottawa Authorities Will Tighten the Grip on Germans and Austrians.

Ottawa, May 15.—While the Canadian authorities have hitherto exercised considerable leniency in connection with those individuals of German and other enemy origin who have shown a disposition to behave themselves, there are indications of an early tightening up.

The Lusitania horror has brought insistent demands from every part of the country that Germans, irrespective of behaviour and regardless of whether recently naturalized or not shall at once be taken in hand and registered or interned.

People Are Worked Up.

This, of course, may be an extreme view of the situation, but news of the celebration of the sinking of the great liner in German clubs in various Canadian cities, of the ringing of joy bells in German communities, and of rejoicing in the German settlements of the west has come to the attention of the authorities and an investigation will follow which may lead to the placing in concentration camps a goodly number of those who have been enjoying freedom.

No Naturalizations.

Meantime there is an increased inclination on the part of unnaturalized Germans at large to seek speedy naturalization. It is not expected that their application will be granted in any case.

The situation is practically acute on the Pacific Coast, where, as a result of jubiliations, 181 Germans in Vancouver and Victoria vicinity have been interned. There are now 41,000 alien enemies, 8,000 of whom are Germans, out on parole.

These report at regular intervals. In the internment camps there are 2,800 aliens, about one-fourth of which are Germans.