

ENEMY NEWSPAPERS.

There has come to the Free Press office a copy of the Tagliche Volkszeitung, published in St. Paul, with the following inscription in German handwriting along the margin: "Can this paper not be stopped? Who is to be blamed? It is the worst of all the German publications in the United States."

We cannot answer these questions. It is now nearly a year since the Free Press began drawing attention to the necessity of dealing with three pro-German-American newspapers which have large circulations among the Germans in Western Canada. One of the three, the Free Press of Lincoln, Nebraska, was barred from the Canadian mails about six weeks ago; the other two, the paper referred to by our correspondent and the Abendpost, of Chicago, are still freely distributed throughout the length and breadth of Western Canada, though they are filled in every issue with lying news and editorial articles fiercely hostile to the Allies.

Another newspaper published in a foreign tongue which might well be kept out of Canada at this time is the Swoboda, published in Pittsburg, which has a large circulation among the Ruthenians of Western Canada, and is continually publishing mischievous and dangerous matter.

If the Dominion Government had been awake to its duties, it would, at the beginning of the war, have put all papers published in foreign languages coming into Canada under a strict examination, and would have shut them out as soon as they showed anti-British prejudice. This was done in the case of a few notorious pro-German publications issued in New York; but there has been a determined refusal to keep out of Western Canada German papers published in the Western States, although there are no papers in the world more scurrilously anti-British.

Pro-German newspapers and publications published in English cannot do much harm in Canada. The Fatherland and the Vital Issue, newspapers published in New York in English, under subsidies from the German Government, were carefully barred out of the Canadian mails a year ago. They could not do as much damage in a year as the Tagliche Volkszeitung does in a single issue. This paper circulates among Germans, many of them new settlers in Canada. In many cases, perhaps, no other paper is taken. Week by week this anti-British literature is coming into their homes, with its constant appeal to their race feeling and its skillful purveying of false information.

It is a sheer waste of space and energy for the Free Press to call the attention of the Government to this crime against the peace and happiness of Western Canada; but once more, for at least the twentieth time, the Free Press formally notifies the Government of Canada that there is being circulated throughout the German settlements in Western Canada week by week the most villainous libels on the British people and the most misleading possible information about the war.