

THE ENEMY SPY MENACE.

The *Halifax Herald* makes the sinking of the hospital ship *Llandovery Castle* an excuse for a campaign for the apprehension of alien enemies in Halifax.

It would hardly have needed the assistance of German spies in Halifax or elsewhere for the German submarines to have destroyed the Canadian hospital ship. She went into the waters infested with these murdering pirates plainly marked for what she was and depending for protection on the laws of nations and of humanity. The Red Cross emblazoned on her sides should have given her immunity from attack but it only served to mark her as a target for the Hun torpedo. With Germany attacking hospital ships deliberately, it is easy enough for her submarine commanders to accomplish her purpose without information as to sailings.

But, regardless of whether or not information went out of Halifax to enemy quarters as to the sailing of the *Llandovery Castle* alien enemies should not be allowed at large in that city. There should be no possibility of betrayal by enemy spies as far as the Canadian authorities can prevent it. Canadian lives and Canadian interests should not be jeopardized through the extending of privileges to alien enemies although such alien enemies may seem to be harmless. The thing is to be on the safe side. Far better that every alien enemy in Canada should undergo the comparative discomfort of internment than that a single Canadian soldier or medical officer or nursing sister should be placed in danger by their freedom. There should be no chances taken.

The espionage system of Germany is very widespread. Word comes now of the activities of that system in South Africa. There is no doubt that Canada is not free from it. It is criminal negligence to give it opportunities.