

# GATHER GERMANS INTO CONCENTRATION CAMPS

## This the Advice of Cecil Ches- terton Regarding Those Held in England.

London, Sept. 8.—At the American embassy, which has charge of German and Austrian interests here, it was said today that nothing was definitely known about any negotiations for an exchange of British subjects held in Germany and Austria for Germans and Austrians held in England. There had been many rumors here about an exchange since the announcement of the Russo-German exchange, but no announcement from the foreign office has, so far, been made.

Save for enforced registration, little restraint has been put on the Austrians and Germans, though many letters advocating more stringent supervision appear from day to day in the English press.

Many Germans and Austrians express the hope of being allowed to return to their own countries, even if forbidden by parole to take part, as active combatants, in the war.

A specimen article in regard to the continued presence of Germans in England is the following from the *New Witness*, edited by Cecil Chesterton, brother of G. K. Chesterton:

"In regard to the question of espionage, the sooner we clear from our minds the fairy stories of Germans who wish well to England, the sooner we shall be able to act on England's behalf. Every German resident, naturalized or otherwise, is a possible source of danger and should be treated as such. We are advocating no secret methods, such as the Prussians themselves practice. We demand merely that such methods be adopted as will deprive our alien enemies of their power to injure us.

"It is sheer folly to suggest that the German is less patriotic than the Englishman, and it is as clearly and obviously the duty of a German to 'spy' as it is for us to prevent his doing so. There is plenty of room on Salisbury Plain for our alien enemies and the sooner they are sent there, or to an equally remote spot, the sooner will our security be established."