

BRITAIN RECOGNIZING RIGHTS OF CITIZENS

*Change in Method of Treatment of People of German and
Austrian Descent—Extreme Measures to Be Abandoned.*

Special Cable to The Star.

London, Oct. 29.—The refusal of the Government to treat the Declaration of London now as an authoritative code of international law has been received with approval in naval circles. There is a growing feeling here that the recent rounding-up process of civilian Germans in England was carried to an unnecessary extent. The Government at first was unduly lenient and not suspicious towards German and Austrian subjects. Then came indiscriminate despatch of adult Germans to concentration camps; many of them people who have been here since childhood and hating Prussianism equally with ourselves. Some writers even proposed that naturalized Germans and Austrians should be treated as potential enemies. Second thoughts are convincing the nation at large that such extreme measures can only damage us in the eyes of neutral powers, and give Germany an excuse for harsher treatment towards the British there.

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