

The military authorities have the support of public opinion in going as far as necessary to stop the singing by interned aliens of the national airs of countries with which we are at war. Prominent citizens of Brandon had expressed great irritation at the audacity of these prisoners insulting their jailors and the home of their adoption, by singing these offensive songs on the streets of this city. So offensive has the practice become that there would soon have been an outbreak on the part of the public incensed by the conduct of these prisoners. The enforcement of the order issued by Col. Clarke will remove this needless irritation.

It was rumored throughout the city that a lesson would be taught a German sympathizer, last night. The lesson was to take the form of a tar and feather party. The guest of the party was to be a German who is said to have expressed satisfaction that those foolish enough to have disregarded the German warning that the Lusitania would be sunk, had paid the penalty of their temerity with their lives.

More sober judgment must have prevailed, as there was no disturbance reported in the city last night. It would be a great pity if any such outbreak should occur. It would mar the fair name of the city, outrage British justice and might end in a fatality or fatalities, as more than one mob attack has ended.

It is to be hoped that no such attempt is ever made. Some form of punishment should be meted out to any one extolling or expressing delight in murder, but an attack by a brutal mob is not the method.