

GERMANS MAY HAVE LIBERTY RESTRICTED

Ottawa, May 12.—While the Canadian authorities have hitherto exercised considerable leniency in connection with those individuals of German and others of enemy origin who have shown a disposition to believe themselves, there are indications of an early tightening up. The Lusitania horror has brought insistent demands from every part of the country that Germans irrespective of behavior, and regardless of whether recently naturalized or not, shall at once be taken in hand and registered or interned.

This of course may be an extreme view of the situation, but news of the celebration of the sinking of the great liner in German clubs in various Canadian cities, of the ringing of joy bells in German communities, and of rejoicing in the German settlements of the west has come to the attention of the authorities, and an investigation will follow which may lead to the placing in concentration camps of a goodly number of those who have been enjoying freedom.

Meanwhile there is an increased inclination upon the part of unnaturalized Germans at large to seek speedy naturalization. It is not expected that their application will be granted in any case. The situation is particularly acute on the Pacific coast, where as a result of jubilation, 181 Germans in Vancouver and Victoria vicinity have been interned. There are now 45,000 alien enemies, 8,000 of whom are Germans out on parole. These report at regular intervals to the authorities and their freedom has depended on good conduct. In the internment camps there are 2,800 aliens, about a fourth of whom are Germans.