

The Victoria Riot

Vancouver, Province: Vancouver can not hold up its hands in pious horror at Victoria. Vancouver has shown ebullitions of popular temper on more than one occasion for somewhat less reason than that for which Victoria showed its resentment during the week end. The Anti-Asiatic riots here some years ago had really much less excuse than the anti-German riots in Victoria. It is now said that the rioters vented their wrath on the proprietor of a hotel who had been indiscreet enough to decorate his bar with German flags recently, and also that the initial cause of the riot was a desire on the part of the comrades of the late Lieut. James Dunsmuir to show sympathy for his untimely end.

Having made their demonstration the rioters subsided and there is no more danger of such occurrences. It is deplorable that there is always a certain element in a crowd which gets out of hand and which wreaks its fury on perfectly innocent people or panders to the spirit of mischief which lies dormant in every large gathering, which contains a few small minds.

Some of the most respected citizens in Victoria are of German origin, but we do not think that they have the slightest sympathy for German Kultur. They escaped long ago from the country which nourishes its citizens on blood and iron and doses them with Zabern mixtures. Those Germans who have been fortunate enough to live under some other system of government than that of brute force and have enjoyed the protection of a foreign flag for so long might perhaps meet together and pass resolutions strongly condemning the anarchy and slavery to which their poor countrymen have been reduced by the worship of the new god, 'Kultur.' They would thus put on record their appreciation of the liberties they now enjoy and their abhorrence for the crimes committed in the name of the German people.