

## A WARNING

### American Defense Society Calls on Sandhills to Watch Enemies

#### Vigilance Committee to Catalogue All Doubtful Characters.

Frank Page of Aberdeen, today made public a request received from Richard M. Hurd, Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the American Defense Society, urging citizens here to organize a local vigilance corps, for the purpose of aiding the Government in putting an end to German propaganda and enemy activity which has been responsible for fires, ammunition plant explosions, sabotage, food scares and other attempts to damage the morale of the American people.

"Recent events in this country make it plain that the German method of propaganda which has been so effective in Russia and Italy is now being attempted in this country with an alarming degree of success," according to the appeal to Americans now being issued by the American Defense Society. "German propaganda has long been supplied to our troops in the national encampments. The ship-building program is being interfered with by German-inspired strikes. Germans are directing the hoarding of food supplies to an extent that panics have already been prevalent in the leading cities. Newspapers are giving daily reports of fires in ammunition plants and grain depots and the country is now on the verge of an even greater calamity in the shape of a railroad strike of unprecedented extent which threatens to cripple our national industry."

The far-reaching need of the local Vigilance Corps can readily be seen when it is known that in this country alone there are today several million alien enemies representing Germany, Austria, Bulgaria, Turkey and other countries sympathetic or allied with the Prussian autocracy. Almost without exception these enemies are free to go about as they see fit, and while the Government has done much toward tightening the censorship of mails and cables, nevertheless there are numberless channels by which these enemies are in touch with the directing genius of German propaganda in Berlin.

If Americans mean to stand by the men at the front, whose lives are already being sacrificed, and to stand by their Government, the opportunity is offered in the additional service they can give to this work of the American Defense Society.

The plan of organization undertaken by the Society and recommended to loyal Americans provides for the enrollment of a small American Vigilance Corps in every city and town which shall classify all residents under the following terms:

1. Loyal.
2. Disloyal.
3. Doubtful.
4. Unknown.

Following the general classification of

citizens the Committee is urged to make further designation of the following list:

1. Alien enemy.
2. Pro-German.
3. Anti-Government.

In the letter of instructions to branch organizations the Executive Committee of the American Defense Society gives the following directions:

"At the earliest possible moment, when you have made your classification of alien enemies, pro-Germans, and those opposed to the Government in this war, send this list to the Police Department, the local representative of the Department of Justice and to whatever representatives of the army or navy intelligence bureaus there are in your community. Do not let this matter rest, however, with this first classification of the enemies. Too much stress cannot be put on the importance of having your own Vigilance Corps take steps to watch alien enemies, pro-Germans and those opposed to the Government. Only by such co-operation will you be able to give effective aid to the Government. Take every means you can to let the people of your city know the names of our enemies."

Unofficial announcement has already been made at Washington that the Government is about to register the alien enemies in America. Your Committee already having acted along such lines, will naturally be in a position greatly to aid the Government Census when such a census is taken. No doubt many attempts will be made to evade the official Government Census and information on the enemies in your community will therefore be of greatest value."

"You are enjoined to watch the speech, associations and activities of every man whom you may suspect of disloyalty and to send in the immediate report. For further information and instructions regarding the work of the Vigilance Corps of the American Defense Society address National Headquarters, 44 East 23rd Street, New York City.

#### Bausoliel Open

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Magoon have come in from Pittsburg and their Winter Home Bausoliel has become the scene of their usual Holiday hospitality. By naming their place Bausoliel they have brought with them to the Sandhills the memories and traditions of the Great Lake Country where they have spent the summer months for years. This is the old Indian name of an island in Georgian Bay, long since given as a haven of retreat to the old Warriors by the United States. It means The Beautiful Sun, and is quite as appropriate for the Heart of the South, as for the famous fishing ground.

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