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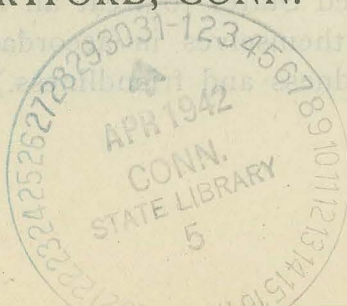
SUGGESTIONS AND REQUIREMENTS
FOR
ENEMY ALIENS

Contained in

The President's Proclamation of War

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TO ENEMY ALIENS

The attention of subjects of countries now at war with the United States is called to the following suggestions and requirements contained in

THE PRESIDENT'S PROCLAMATION OF WAR

April 6, 1917.

War between the United States and Germany was proclaimed by the President of the United States, April 6, 1917. After referring to laws of the United States which empower him to restrain or remove enemy subjects, and to make regulations, the President, among other things, appeals to Americans to uphold the laws of this land of Freedom, calls attention to the fact that war has been thrust upon the Nation, and instructs and orders the subjects of the country with which the United States is at war, as follows:

1. To preserve peace and obey the law.
2. To refrain from giving information, aid or comfort to the enemy of the United States.
3. To obey all Government requirements.

If enemy subjects comply with the Government's instructions, the President assures them that they shall not be disturbed in their peaceful pursuits. (He specially enjoins citizens of the United States to treat all foreigners who conduct themselves in accordance with law, with kindness and friendliness.)

As part of the President's Proclamation these regulations are added:

The subject of a country at war with the United States —

Shall not have in his possession firearms or parts of firearms, explosives, or material used to make explosives;

Shall not have in his possession or operate aircraft, wireless apparatus, forms of signalling devices or cipher codes, or have in his possession any book, paper or document in cipher or in which there may be invisible writing.

Shall not be found within one-half of a mile of a fort, camp, arsenal, aircraft station, Government or naval vessel, navy yard, factory for manufacture of war munitions or products for use of army or navy (if in doubt an alien should consult his employer or the officials of the Government);

Shall not write, print, or publish an attack or threat against the United States or the constituted authorities or their officials, or acts;

Shall not commit or aid in any hostile act against the United States or give information or aid to the enemy;

Shall not reside in any area from which he is excluded by order except by permit or under limitations prescribed by the President;

Shall not depart from the United States without permit from the President or under order of certain courts, judges or justices prescribed by law;

Shall not land in the United States except under prescribed restrictions at designated places.

The subjects of enemy nations may be required to register — and if found aiding the enemy or doing that which makes the authorities suspicious — will be subject to summary arrest or imprisonment.

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