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ALIEN ENEMIES IN PUBLIC POSITIONS.

There has been much said during the past month about a very simple matter connected with the University of Toronto, which in some other countries would have been settled in short order; but men of our nation are proverbially slow in comprehension as well as deliberate in action. There is the additional feature that the parties concerned look at the situation through the mist of a class prejudice, which has distorted the landscape. Book learning, without the friction of everyday affairs, often dims the vision of scholastics who dwell together and naturally look at things from a one-sided point of view.

There have been on the staff of the University of Toronto several professors of German birth and education. These men are still subjects of Kaiser Wilhelm II., owe allegiance to him and to their native country, and declined to change such allegiance, even, indeed, if as Germans they could do so, by becoming naturalized British subjects. Their King and their compatriots have attacked us, and we are now fighting a bitter fight, à l'outrance, for the very existence of the British Empire, against a strong, resolute, relentless and ruthless enemy that for over twenty years has been plotting, preparing and praying for our humiliation and destruction. These three alien enemies, like the rest of their countrymen, have presumably been taught to hate and despise England and her people. It has, moreover, been instilled into the German people as part of their education that lying, deceit and treacherous espionage are virtues when used for the downfall of the hated rival that blocks the way to their cherished ambition of world dominion.

We have no means of assuring ourselves whether these professors, or any other Germans for that matter, are in any way