

GERMAN CRUISER PREFERS SHELTER

Alleged Commerce Destroyer
Interns in Pacific
Ocean Port.

TROUBLE IS AVERTED

Twenty-Two Officers and
355 More Men Lost
to Enemy.

[Canadian Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Voluntary internment today of the German converted cruiser *Cormorant*, and her 22 officers and 355 men at Chagu, an American Pacific Ocean port, brought what promises to be a troublesome question involving the observance of American neutrality in this case to a speedy and final adjustment. As soon as it was learned at the Navy Department that the *Cormorant* had put into Chagu, short of coal, food and water, there was immediate discussion of the extent to which the warship could replenish her supplies in an American port.

In view of Chagu's remoteness from any German port, the decision to intern was expected, but in the meantime Captain Maxwell, governor of the far-away naval station, was instructed to observe strict neutrality in all his dealings with the German commander.

A Commerce Destroyer.
Little is known of the *Cormorant* here except that she is a converted cruiser of 5,000 tons displacement, acquired by Germany from Russia. Information as to how Germany acquired the vessel from her present owner is not obtainable. It is supposed the ship has been employed by the Germans as a destroyer of commerce in the Pacific.

At first this vessel was believed here to be the unprotected cruiser *Cormorant*, a vessel of only 1,000 tons displacement, but Captain Maxwell's later message announcing its decision of the draft to intern, corrected that impression. This is the second German warship to intern in American waters since the outbreak of the war. The other, the *Intern*, interned at Honolulu some time ago. The officers and men of the vessels will have to remain interned until the close of the war unless the Allies consent to their parole.

RUSHING STATES' TROOPS TO BORDER

Firing Over Line Must Stop,
Or Reprisals Will Be
Taken.

[Canadian Press.]
WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—Further demonstrations were made by the United States Government today of its determination not to tolerate continued firing by the Mexican factions at Naco, Sonora, into American territory. President Wilson, after a brief discussion with his cabinet, instructed Secretary Garrison to comply with the request of Brig.-Gen. Tasker H. Bliss at Naco, Ariz., for reinforcements to handle a possible emergency situation. Three regiments of infantry and three batteries of artillery were ordered to Naco.

The general understanding tonight in administration quarters is that as soon as the additional American forces were placed in position on the international line, the U. S. would return any rifle or artillery fire, which might come from the Mexican territory. As it will require three days for the troops to reach Naco, the Mexican factions have virtually that period within which to comply with the American demands or be shelled out of their positions.

Reinforcements ordered today will bring the total force of the American army at Naco to about 5,000 men.

TO SEND WARSHIPS TO THE CANAL ZONE

United States Government Will Protect
Neutrality.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 15.—President Wilson and his cabinet decided today to send American warships to the canal zone to guard against violation of neutrality there by belligerent ships.

Just how many ships, and whether destroyers, cruisers or battleships shall be dispatched, will be determined after a full report has been received from Gen. Goethals, military governor of the canal zone, and Captain Rodman, naval officer at the canal. If the canal zone is being used as a base of supplies for the belligerents, the United States will be instructed to use his land forces to prevent such action. Should it develop that the wireless is being used between these territorial waters the navy department will ask for an explanation from its naval officer.

"Whatever is necessary to be done," said Secretary Daniels tonight, "to carry out the executive order of the President will be done. A telegram from the radio office at the canal zone shows that he is watching things closely. He says: 'For communication with British cruiser from west coast I have dismantled radio of one British collier at Balboa, canal zone.' At the British embassy it was stated that Great Britain has no objection whatever to the wireless regulations which the latter has proclaimed and has been in sympathy with the censorship laws from the beginning of the war."

GERMAN NOBLEMAN BANISHED TO SIBERIA

COPENHAGEN (Via Berlin, The Hague and London), Dec. 15.—11:23 p.m.—Baron Carl von Manteuffel, who owns a fine estate at Kirdangen, near Libau, and the most prominent German nobleman in the Russian Baltic provinces, has been banished by the military chief of his district to Dvinsk near Touisk, Siberia. The excitement of the Baltic nobility because of this incident is reported to be great.

Baron Manteuffel was a member of the Russian nobility and had been in the service of the Russian government for many years. He was a member of the Imperial Russian Academy of Sciences and had been a member of the Russian nobility since 1880. He was a member of the Russian nobility since 1880.

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CANADIAN BOAT LOST ON OCEAN

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Mine Off North of
Ireland.

ON THE WAY TO WALES

Intended For Govt. Work
On the Hudson Bay
Route.

OTTAWA, Dec. 15.—The Government steamer *Sharon* has been lost somewhere on the Atlantic with all on board, and it is believed that it struck a mine off the north coast of Ireland.

The *Sharon* left Sydney for Newport, Wales, with a cargo of coal. She was heard from by wireless after leaving Newfoundland, but the steamer is now a month overdue, and all hope of her safety has been abandoned. The steamer had a crew of some thirty men, all from the Maritime Provinces.

The *Sharon* was purchased a year ago by the Government in England for work on the Hudson Bay route. She was a new boat and cost in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

NORTH SYDNEY MEN ON LOST BOAT.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 15.—It is 37 days since the steamship *Sharon* left Sydney for Liverpool with a cargo of steel products. The last heard from her were two private wireless messages received at North Sydney, on Nov. 11, off Newfoundland.

The steamship was commanded by Capt. Cochran. Nearly all her officers and engineer hands were Englishmen. The majority of the crew belonged to North Sydney or were shipped there.

Following are the names of the North Sydney men: James Cameron, native of Scotland, leaves a wife and six children; Abraham Jones, second mate, married; Wm. Bonner, fireman, wife and seven children; George Penland, wife and two children; Walter Field, married; Wm. F. Walsh, wife and three children; John Bryden, single; John McInnes, single; Thomas McLean, single; James Spencer, single; Henry Cassell, wife and family; Wm. Stirling, wife and four children; Thos. Stacey, wife and two children; Thos. Buffett, three children; George Tobin, wife and family; Charles Dowe, married; Leo Frank, married; Ted Holmness, wireless operator.

Field and Walsh were former police men of North Sydney. Bryden was a well-known local hockey player.

SAY GERMAN CONSUL PAID FOR THE CARGO

American Government Agents
Report He Bought Goods
For Ships.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 15.—Agents of the Department of Justice, working here, informed the attorney-general that the German consul, Baron E. H. von Shack, supplied the funds with which a cargo of groceries, clothing and ship chandler's supplies were bought for shipment to Valparaiso, aboard the American steamship *Olson* and *Mahoney*. Clearance for the vessel was refused, and the cargo unloaded.

Baron von Shack positively denied that he had any connection with the purchase of the cargo of the *Olson* and *Mahoney*. The alleged evidence offered by the Government agent, consists, it was said, of conclusions reached by tracing checks. It was found, according to the attorney-general, that the German consul, Baron von Shack, drew against his account for sums which subsequently were said to have been placed to the credit of the agents who paid for the cargo. These agents are said to be now on the way to China.

William Haas, senior member of the grocery firm from which the portion of the cargo was bought, refused to tell the federal grand jury who was the purchaser, and the jury voted a presentment against him, charging contempt of court.

The *Olson* and *Mahoney* are the third vessel suspected of carrying supplies to the German Pacific fleet. One of these vessels has disappeared, and the other, the American steamship *Sacramento*, is in the hands of the Chilean authorities.

LIBERAL MERCHANTS WERE TURNED DOWN

Patronage Committee Alleged To Have
Struck Names Off.

[Special to The Advertiser.]
GUELPH, Dec. 15.—The shipping of a company of infantry and some artillery being recruited here in the winter fair building has caused the patronage committee of the South-Western Association to be more than usually active.

The secretary received a wire from Ottawa a few days ago asking what Guelph firms should receive orders in connection with the supplying of the necessary equipment for housing the men during their stay here.

A meeting of local Conservatives was called and convened in the Borden Club Rooms and the list of merchants was prepared, and it is understood that the names of firms with Liberal leanings were crossed off as being ineligible to have dealings with the fitting out of the King's fighters.

The greatest secrecy marked the whole proceeding, and for a few days nothing leaked out. However, the censorship was not of the Kitchen type, and now the proceedings of the meeting of the patronage committee are common street talk, and much indignation is expressed.

Some of the Liberal merchants have been among the heaviest contributors to all the Red Cross and patriotic funds collected in Guelph.

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