

Interned Germans Have Escaped

Six Officers of Kronprinz Wilhelm Secure a 60 Foot Yacht and Make a Dash For Liberty

NORFOLK, Va., Oct. 18.—Excitement was created at the Navy Yard last week when Commander Thierfelder, of the Kronprinz Wilhelm, one of the interned German cruisers, announced to Admiral Beatty, Commander of the Norfolk Navy Yard, that six young officers of his ship, who obtained twenty-four hour's leave of absence, and that with them a small sailing yacht, the Eclipse, recently purchased by them, had disappeared. The announcement was made public only after a thorough search had failed to locate the men. The only news thus far received is an unconfirmed report from Cape Hatteras that the Eclipse passed there on Monday shortly after noon bound south. All sails were up at the time and the auxiliary engine was in service, according to this report. It seems that some time ago the young officers of the Kronprinz Wilhelm, with permission, bought the Eclipse from Norfolk owners for the alleged purpose of pleasure sails about the harbour and bay. She is a staunch little sloop, 60 feet long, and with an auxiliary engine capable of pushing her along at the maximum

rate of five miles an hour. The Germans paid \$1,600 for the craft. While seaworthy, she is an old boat and little used for several years. According to reports by a Norfolk lawyer and a commander—retired—in the navy. She is said to have been sold by the lawyer.

The German officers took the yacht to the navy yard, alongside of their cruiser, and had been tinkering aboard her for several weeks. On Saturday they asked and obtained permission to take a sailing junket in the bay. Nothing was thought of it when they failed to return on time, but when three or four days elapsed without any report, Captain Thierfelder became suspicious, and notified Admiral Beatty.

The entire section has been scoured in an effort to locate the young men. There are those who believe that they are marooned somewhere in the bay and will turn up in a day or two. Others think that they used the yacht to join some German ship out at sea. It is even thought possible that they are trying to cross the Atlantic in the little boat. Experienced watermen declare that such an attempt would be foolhardy, as only a limited amount of fuel oil could be stored aboard. The Eclipse is a pleasure boat, with no accommodation for lengthy cruises or for storing provisions. If the Cape Hatteras report is true, the Germans' mission in the south is yet to be explained. Local observers at Cape Henry have no record of the Eclipse passing to sea.

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Stmr. Beached at Deal With Cargo Afire

DEAL, England, Oct. 26.—The British steamer Ilaro, from East African ports, is a total wreck on the beach near here as a result of a fire which started yesterday in the hold. The vessel was immediately beached after the fire was discovered. It was believed to-day that the flames were under control, later, however, an explosion rekindled the fire and shortly afterwards the vessel with an inflammable cargo, was ablaze from stem to stem, the flames reaching mast high.

Canadian Casualties

OTTAWA, Oct. 25.—An official computation of Canadian losses in the war up to Oct. 16th, issued from the casualty office to-day, show the total number of casualties to be 15,187, made up of 677 officers and 14,510 men. Of these, death from all causes claimed 127 officers and 2,490 men, to which much of a heavy list of missing must be added.

Emperor Joseph Frees Political Offenders

Amsterdam, Oct. 26.—A Budapest despatch received here says Emperor Francis Joseph has declared an amnesty for all political offences committed before the war. The amnesty includes many Socialists.

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11 Girls and 1 Man Perish in Factory Fire

PITTSBURG, Oct. 26.—Eleven girls and one man employed in the factory of the Union Paper Box Co. are dead, eight girls are badly injured and a number missing as a result of a fire, which destroyed the factory this afternoon.

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