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### **Three German Cruisers**

Hovering Off New York.

The German cruisers whose activity Sydney fears and whose movements are being watched by the Admiralty are the three which the great German Lloyd liner Kronprinz Wilhelm is supposed to have gone to meet when it left New York suddenly and without warning early last night.

Length. Comp'd Ton'g Armament Speed Karlsruhe .. .. .. 364 feet 1908 4820 12, 4.1 in. 27 knots 361 men Strasburg .. .. .446 feet 1912 4500 12, 4.1 in. 27 knots 373 men Dresden .. .. .. .364 feet 1912 3544 12, 4.1 in. 27 knots 361 men 3rd class cruiser.

It will be seen that all three are of the fastest type of modern light and unarmored cruisers; all are capable of making 27 knots, two are only two years old, and the third has only been in commission six years. The armament of each of them is twelve four-inch guns, with the addition

of the necessary number of small quick-firers.

The Karlsruhe was last reported at Havana, the Strassburg at St. Thomas, and the Dresden at Port Mexico. For the last week Washington, which is the only uncensored source of information as to the movements of warships. has had no trace of their whereabouts.

Lloyd ships in United States ports, was ordered to remain in port until the possibility of capture was less than it is believed to be at present.

Two days ago, to the amazement of the port authorities, she hurriedly began to take on board large quantities of coal and provisions. Her dock was carefully guarded, even German and Austrian reservists being warned away and told that the Kronprinz "was to carry no passengers."

Last night she slipped from her dock and sailed for some unknown point. It is believed that she has a rendezvouz with the three fast cruisers who have sailed to meet her, take on coal and provisions and then proceed on their

sailed to meet her, take on coal and provisions, and then proceed on their business, whatever that may be.

### **British Cruisers Watch** For German Raiders.

(Montreal Star, Aug. 5.)

The adventures of the Kronprinzessin Cecile, which saved its \$10,000,000 in gold and its own skin by putting into Bar Harbor on the Maine Coast, gives a clue to the whereabouts of the warships of the warring powers which are off the Atlantic Coast.

Captain Pollack, of the Cecile, says he just escaped capture by the British cruiser Essex and the French cruiser Friant while dodging his way up the coast in a dense fog.

The Star published yesterday the details of the three third-class German cruisers Karlsruhe, Strasburg and Dresden, which were known to have left the West Indies and were supposed to have been in the North Atlantic. It will be remembered each had a speed of 27 knots and carried 12 four-inch guns.

Since Germany has no coaling station in the North Atlantic, the activity of these cruisers will be limited unless they can secure coal from such sources as the Kronprinz Wilhelm, which left New York Monday on a mysterious mis-

The British Squadron.

In North Atlantic waters great Britain has four first-class armoured cruisers and one third-class cruiser. The big warships are part of the cruiser squadron which was stationed in the West Indies a year ago. According to Washington advices, the Lancaster was last heard of from off Tampico, in company with the Essex, while the Berwick, the Suffolk and the Bristol had left for an unknown destination.

Their tonnage and armament is as follows:

Ton'g C'p'd Armament Speed Com't Essex ..... 22.8 knots 537 men Armoured Cruiser 8, 12-pounders 8, 12-pounders 

posed to be on her way to France; the Friant has been reported off the New England coast, and the whereabouts of the Descartes is unknown. The most important details about them are as follows:-

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There are two German warships known to be on the Pacific Coast. Both are third-class cruisers; the Nurnberg is at San Francisco and the Leipzig is approaching the coast after a voyage from China, and is badly in need of more fuel. The details concerning them are as follows:—

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