

GERMAN STOKERS AS PRISONERS OF WAR

Taken at Kingston by British and Kept from Going to Germany.

NEW YORK, Aug. 14—Thirty-five German stokers of the crew of the United Fruit steamer Zarapa, which reached here today from Colombia, Colon and Kingston, are prisoners of war at Kingston instead of being on their way to Germany as reservists, because of Captain Towell's refusal to obey the command of the German consul at Colon and send the stokers ashore.

When Captain Towell refused to land the stokers, three of them jumped overboard and swam ashore. The police got them and sent them back to the ship. They and their companions were taken to Kingston. There a British launch drew alongside; officers went into the hold and took the stokers ashore as prisoners of war. Captain Towell said he had considerable difficulty in recruiting men to take their places.

WIRELESS ORDERED DOWN.

Even though the Zarapa is a British ship, as she entered Kingston harbor, a shore effort signalled the captain to dismantle his wireless—a new harbor regulation enforced after the declaration of war, with which Captain Towell was unfamiliar. Captain Towell says he decided that it would be all right to wait till he reached dock. After a few minutes of delay the fort signalled again "We have our guns trained upon you and demand that you take down your wireless." It came down immediately.