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## RIGHTS TAKING

### GERMANS OFF SHIP

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Three Mile Limit.

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#### SIXTY TAKEN AT HONG KONG

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Washington, Sept. 1.—State department officials did not regard as unusual the reported removal of German and Austrian reservists from American ships off Hong Kong, provided the incident occurred within the three mile limit of the British port. Inasmuch as Hong Kong is under British jurisdiction, her warships could arrest the nationals of any belligerent within territorial waters.

#### On American Ships.

Honolulu, Sept. 1.—The American liners Manchuria and China, of the Pacific Mail Steamship Company's Oriental fleet, were halted by British warships off Hong Kong and forced to surrender sixty German and Austrian reservists bound for the European war from the Philippines. This was the news brought by Capt. Thompson and Purser Landers of the China, which arrived here yesterday bound for San Francisco.

According to officers of the China, the Germans and Austrians before starting on their journey asked for and received assurances from Washington that they could not be molest-

ed on an American registered vessel. They then took passage for San Francisco via Hong Kong, Shanghai, Nagasaki and Honolulu.

### **Examined Passengers.**

On arriving at Hong Kong, the vessels were halted by ships of the British fleet, the passengers were summoned for inspection and required to give their nationality at the call of the purser's roll.

Those who appeared to be Germans or Austrians, and could not prove otherwise, were taken in a navy tender to Stonecutters Island for detention.

Two Germans aboard the China claimed Swiss citizenship and were not held.

All German residents of Hong Kong have been held, Captain Thompson reports.

Manila newspapers of Aug. 8 arrived here confirm the captain's story.

### **German's at Cape.**

Cape Town, via London, Sept. 1.—The process of rounding up Austrian and German reservists from the different parts of the Union of South Africa and holding them prisoners of war has been proceeding for a fortnight. Some 8,000 of them are now detained in a special camp at Johannesburg.

Prince Salm-Salm and several other officers have been given special quarters in Bloemfontein. Prince Salm-Salm is a captain in the Prussian cavalry.