

WILD GERMAN PLOT TO SEIZE VANCOUVER

Planned to Have Admiral Spee's Squadron There When War Broke Out

Vancouver, Aug. 28.—Plans of a plot, which was intended to culminate in the seizure of Vancouver and other cities of the Pacific coast by the Germans, have just come to the attention of the authorities in this city. Details of the plan are said to have been worked out by Alvo Von Alvensleben, a German broker of Vancouver, who was in Berlin when the war was declared.

The information obtained in Vancouver was that when in Berlin, Alvensleben cabled to a Teutonic resident of Vancouver, asking him to call a meeting of trusted Germans to start an agitation for the inviting here of Admiral Von Spee's squadron which was then on the China coast. Many committee meetings were held, and if the arrangements had culminated, the

Gneisenau and Scharnhorst would probably have been in local waters when the war broke out, ready to attempt to take possession, not only of Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Ru-

pert, but of coal mines on Vancouver Island, in which German capital was heavily invested. The Germans planned control from here of the Pacific cable and the route to Vladivostok.