

GERMAN SHIPS OFF COAST

Cruisers May Be Looking for Canadian Shipping

Sydney, N.S., August 2—Two German cruisers were sighted today off St. Pierre, Miq. They are probably from Mexico or West Indian waters. It is surmised that the object of their presence so near Sydney harbor is to secure coal for a trans-Atlantic voyage or that they have been detailed to watch this port and the entrance of the St. Lawrence.

A statement to this effect was made this evening by Captain Postin, the officer commanding the detachment detailed to guard the cable station at Lloyd Cove. He was notified of the presence of the warships by cable from Newfoundland, and requested that shipping be notified of the fact.

It is conjectured that St. Pierre may be the objective of the cruisers, which may be awaiting word of a formal declaration of war between France and Germany. The French cruiser Friant cannot be far away. Admitting the report about the German cruisers being correct, a naval fight would be imminent in these waters.