

# VANCOUVER GERMANS PLAN TO GET HOME

**Conduct of Conspirators Treasonable—Authorities Take Action  
—Party Held Up.**

Vancouver, B.C., Aug. 5.—Agitation among the Germans in Vancouver has been created by some German authority here, who, it is said, is urging them to quit their positions here and to go to Seattle as quickly as possible, with a view of proceeding east to New York and catching a Swedish steamer for home, then taking up arms for their fatherland. It is pointed out that for any persons now resident in Canada to endeavor to induce Germans here to do any such thing is treasonable, punishable in extreme cases with death.

A local German paper is declared to have been carrying an advertisement in its last issue conveying an official order from the Kaiser calling on Germans resident in this city to leave Vancouver and assemble at specified points in the United States for transshipment to Europe. It is also stated that the German authorities have been endeavoring to charter a special vessel for sending men from America.

## **Departure Stopped.**

Indicative of the fact that the Dominion authorities are now on the alert to prevent the exodus of Germans and Austrians who are planning to proceed to the scene of hostilities in Europe was the order issued by the Canadian immigration officers restraining a special car of laborers routed to Coalmont in the Similkameen district in British Columbia from leaving on a C. N. R. train this morning. Sixty men had been hired through a local employment agency for construction work on the V. V. and E. railway by Messrs. McDougal and Guthrie, contractors. While it is stated that a large percentage of the men were foreigners, the labor agency claims that only seven are Austrians. The Ottawa authorities have been asked for instructions in regard to the case, it is understood today.

It was stated at the United States immigration office that passports were being issued as usual to aliens who could comply with the ordinary regulations. A large number of German residents have been making application during the past few days for permission to cross the international border, and many Teutons were seen around the branch of the U. S. immigration service this morning.