

GERMAN STOWAWAYS ON SS. MOUNT ROYAL

Two Arrested and 16 of Crew Are Being Closely Watched

Two German stowaways from the Canadian Pacific liner Mount Royal were arrested immediately on the ship's arrival here late last night by C.P.R. constables, who took them to police headquarters, where they were locked up on a charge of being stowaways. In addition to these there were sixteen other Germans on the ship, all of whom however, remained on board last night, being members of the crew. No step was taken to arrest any of them as on the voyage across all had acted in an unusually peaceful manner, the general impression on the vessel being that every one of the eighteen Germans on board was doing his best to get as far away from his own country as possible for fear he would be compelled to join the German army.

The Mount Royal left Antwerp some days before war was declared and apparently had an uneventful crossing, the two stowaways being discovered in hiding on the cattle deck some days after the ship had left port. Their names are Michael Deicht, a lad of 18, and his companion, Max Schen, 20 years of age. Most of the way across the pair were kept in chains though they were put to work swabbing the decks at times. On arrival here, C.P.R. police boarded the vessel, handcuffed them and took them up to headquarters. The usual custom is to send stowaways back by the vessel on which they came over, but what will

happen to the two in question seems uncertain. They will, however, most certainly be sent back to their native land, which seems to be the last thing they wish for as well as their fellow countrymen on the liner.

The Harbor police were keeping a doubly keen lookout around the steamer all last night for fear any of the Germans should endeavor to leave the ship, either by sneaking through the holds, which would be practically an impossibility under present conditions, or by dropping overboard and swimming ashore at one of the remoter parts of the harbor. The officers of the vessel when informed of this, however, expressed the opinion that none of them would make the least effort to leave the ship, as the majority had left their country in order to be clear of the possibility of being compelled to enter military service.

The Mount Royal in her day was a regular passenger liner, then she was brought into service as a cattleboat. Since that trade has died out the vessel is employed entirely for freighting purposes. She was not expected to dock last night but did so some time after the usual hour, tying up at her shed about ten o'clock.