

NEGOTIATIONS OVER THE INTERNED SHIPS

Britain and Germany Dealt
Through the American
Ambassadors.

Canadian Press Despatch.

London, Aug. 12.—The Gazette to-day publishes the details of the negotiations between Great Britain and Germany regarding the status of their merchant shipping in ports of the enemy.

A despatch from Berlin received here yesterday said that the German and British Governments had requested the United States Embassy in Berlin to intervene for the purpose of fixing the time in which the merchant men of the two countries must quit the ports of the enemy.

From the matter published by the Gazette it appears that Germany on August 4th proposed to the British Government the mutual liberation of interned ships. A reply to the proposal within forty-eight hours was requested.

Apparently no reply was made to the German communication, but the British Government, through U. S. Ambassador Page, made known to Germany the decision of this Government regarding the treatment of enemy ships and asking whether this would meet the views of Germany.

The negotiations continued through the intermediary of the American ambassadors at Berlin and Stockholm, but no communication was received from Berlin, and the British Government has no knowledge of the treatment being accorded to British ships and cargoes in German ports.