

KRON PRINZ WILHELM AS PRIZE, AT BERMUDA

Sir Courtenay Bennett, New
York Consul-General,
Believes it True

HER PURPOSE WAS KNOWN

Left New York to Coal German
Cruisers in Atlantic;
Caught

New York, Sept. 2.—Sir Court-
enay Bennett, British consul general
in this city, announced this after-
noon that he had been informed by
a trustworthy friend that the North
German-Lloyd steamer Kron Prinz
Wilhelm, had been captured in near-
by waters by the British flotilla of
cruisers and taken as a war prize
to Bermuda. His information, he
said, had not been confirmed, but
he thought it true.

To Coal German Steamers

The Kron Prinz Wilhelm sailed
from New York with darkened
lights and all the coal she could get
aboard, on the night of August 3,
a day or so before the declaration of
war between Germany and Great
Britain. She has not yet been re-
ported as arriving at any port. The
impression prevailed at the time of
her departure that her mission was
to furnish coal to German cruisers
in the North Atlantic.

She Was Chased; Escaped.

The British cruiser Suffolk, coal-
ing at Halifax ten days or so later,
reported that she had sighted the

Kron Prinz Wilhelm transferring coal in mid-ocean to the German cruiser Karlsruhe a day or two previous. The Suffolk surprised the two vessels, her officers said, and both the steamer and the German cruiser fled. The Suffolk pursued the cruiser and the Kron Prinz Wilhelm was soon lost to view. From that day to this the whereabouts of the Kron Prinz Wilhelm have been unreported.