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The naval disasters of Great Britain to date, in the opinion of responsible British authorities, have been due to, or at least were made possible by, the elaborate system of espionage carried on over the whole world by Germany. The Königsberg entered Zanzibar harbor and peppered the Pegasus after being informed by wireless that the British ship was temporarily disarmed; the location of the three cruisers that were torpedoed in the North Sea by submarines had been "tipped off" to the Germans by spies; and from Valparaiso comes the story that the German squadron had been advised by wireless of the intended rendezvous of British ships off the coast of Chile. That the German commerce destroyers in the Atlantic are kept posted about the movements both of British warships and British merchantmen may be surmised from the success of their operations. In view of these facts, it is not surprising that severe steps are being taken in Great Britain to reduce the spy danger to a minimum. Without doubt, Canada is included in the operations of the spy system, but to date no apparent injury to the State has resulted from these enemies within our gates. The danger point is probably the Pacific coast, where there are openings for an adventurous cruiser of the (late) Emden type.