

OTTAWA FEARS FOR CITY OF VICTORIA

**Only Two Submarines Available
to Attack German Cruisers
Should They Proceed North.**

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—The presence of five German warships in the Pacific, off the coast of Chile and the probability that two more, the Dresden and the Emden, are on their way to join them, created considerable apprehension here for the safety of Canadian cities on the Pacific coast. To meet the situation, the naval authorities at Ottawa were in conference all forenoon. Measures of some sort, it is said, likely will be taken though what they are has not been determined.

The fact that the German warships had been gathered into one fleet was taken here as a clear indication that Germany had perfected arrangements for coaling the fleet, and it was felt that little could be done to round up this fleet until British and Japanese warships now at Tsing Tau are relieved.

It is feared that the German fleet may steam north, and under threat of long-distance bombardment, attempt to levy tribute on the city of Victoria. The only danger to which the fleet would be subject in carrying out such an enterprise, it is pointed out, would be an attack from the two submarines which Canada bought from Chile at the opening of the war, and which are stationed in the waters about Vancouver Island.

The naval authorities are especially disquieted by the fact that the Germans have been exceedingly well informed as to the movements of British cruisers. This has been demonstrated on several occasions, and especially by the encounter of the two fleets off the coast of Chile, when the Germans outnumbered the British.