

# 13 MORE TAKEN AS PRISONERS OF WAR

## Police Clean Up S.S. Ruthenia and Remove Baker's Dozen of Germans

### ALL WENT WILLINGLY

### 'Fortunes of War' They Said as Officers Conducted Them to Immigration Headquarters

There are thirty-five prisoners of war now in custody in Montreal, all German reservists, who may be detained under arrest until the present trouble in Europe comes to an end. They are confined in the detention quarters of the Dominion immigration authorities, in St. Antoine street. How long they will remain there has not yet been decided.

Thirteen reservists of the German army were taken off the steamship *Ruthenia*, of the Canadian Pacific Atlantic Line, which arrived in Montreal yesterday from Antwerp. Lieut. Trudeau, with a squad of men from police headquarters, marched down to the ship, on instructions from C. Campeau, to assist the immigration authorities in taking charge of the Germans who were on the vessel. When informed that they were prisoners of war and would have to be taken into custody, the subjects of Emperor William made no objection. The men were firemen, stokers and stewards. Some of them appeared to feel their position, while others did not seem to mind being under arrest, realizing that it was one of the fortunes of war.

It was only two days before war was declared that the *Ruthenia* had sailed from Antwerp. Had the trouble occurred a couple of days earlier, when it was practically certain that there would be war, the men who were taken off the ship yesterday would be now with the hundreds of thousands of their countrymen who are on the firing line, battling for the Kaiser.

Captain McCrombie, of the *Ruthenia*, told Lieut. Trudeau that they were all fine fellows, and that he was especially sorry to lose one of them, whom, he stated, was the finest steward that ever stepped on board a ship.

Chief Campeau decided yesterday morning that a police station was no place for men who were detained as prisoners of war. In none of the police stations throughout the city was there the proper accommodation for such, as it was practically impossible to keep the men separated from the drunks and men who had been arrested for criminal offences. The only exercise the army reservists could be given was that which they could obtain in the small and frequently crowded corridors outside the cells.

### REMOVE WAR PRISONERS

It was decided at noon yesterday, after Chief Campeau had been in communication with Mr. R. S. White, collector of customs for the port, to have the twenty-two prisoners of war, including the fifteen men who had been taken off the Canadian Pacific Atlantic Line steamship *Mount Royal* on Wednesday, sent to the detention quarters of the Immigration Department in St. Antoine street. There the accommodation, for a small number, is all that could be desired, under the circumstances, and the men will be much more comfortable, so long as the place does not become overcrowded.

The thirteen men who were taken off the *Ruthenia* yesterday were taken direct to the detention quarters of the Dominion Immigration Department in St. Antoine street, without having to go to a police station. Every reservist of the German army who arrives in Montreal from now on while the war is in progress will be made a prisoner, whether he arrives here by land or water. One of the prisoners of war said yesterday, while being taken under the guard of police to the detention quarters. "It cannot be helped. It is one of the things we must put up with in times of war. There are Englishmen, Frenchmen and Russians, who have to submit to the same order of things in Germany. But it is not we who suffer, it is our families, from whom we are separated, for how long, no one can tell."