

# DACIA SAILS TO-DAY FOR BRITISH WARSHIPS

## Vessel With Cotton for Germans Will be Seized — An American Crew

(Canadian Press Despatch.)

Galveston, Texas, Jan. 22.—The steamship Dacia will depart for Rotterdam at daylight to-morrow. She was cleared this afternoon, her announced destination being Rotterdam, via Norfolk. It is noted on the ship's manifest that the cargo would be re-shipped to Bremen. The Dacia's hatches have been sealed by the collector of the port.

The Dacia is the vessel the British Government has stated will be captured if possible and taken to a Prize Court to test the validity of her transfer from German to United States registry.

The Dacia carries 11,000 square bales of cotton, a cargo valued by the shippers at \$880,000. Sixteen cents per pound, or \$80 per bale, is to be paid for the cotton laid down in Bremen. The Government Bureau took a part of the insurance of that valuation at four per cent. The freight rate charged is \$3.50 per bale, the highest ever paid for cotton transportation.

Captain George McDonald, who will command the vessel on her trip, has a crew of thirty-one men, declared to be all Americans. He said he did not expect to deviate from the usual course of steamships, and would make no particular efforts to avoid capture.

### ALIEN "FRIENDS" MAY SUE.

Non-hostile Germans and Austrians Have Access to Courts.

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Montréal, Jan. 22.—The right of a German or Austrian resident to take suit in the Canadian courts, if not regarded by the law as an enemy to the British Empire, has been maintained by the Court of Appeals of the Province of Quebec in the case of Angelo Viola v. Mackenzie, Mann & Company, for damages for injuries. Mr. Justice Bruneau had declined to admit the right of Viola, who is an Austrian, to sue, as Viola was an "alien enemy." Their Lordships of the higher court hold that the plaintiff is not an alien enemy, according to the proclamation of the King on August 15, 1914, defining the word "enemy." Viola had not shown any act of hostility, hence he was not to be regarded as an alien enemy, the Judges held.