

# HARBOR IS LIKE AN ARMED CAMP

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**Shore and Harbor in Vicinity of  
Frederik VIII Literally  
Swarms With  
Guards.**

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**SEARCH ALL STEERAGE  
PASSENGERS TODAY**

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**Few Days Yet Before Von  
Bernstorff is Headed  
Homeward.**

HALIFAX, Feb. 20.—Immigration officials examining the passengers on the Frederik VIII, the ship carrying to Copenhagen Count von Bernstorff and the German embassy and consular officials in the United States, started work on the steerage passengers this morning. Their attention will be paid chiefly to passengers who might have been secret agents of the German government, and who may be trying to steal back to the Fatherland.

No safe conduct passes have been issued for this class of German official, and it is suspected that if any are found they will likely be removed from the ship and probably interned. The immigration officials are, it is understood, being assisted by detectives, who have worked at watching Germany's underground operations in the United States.

### **Going Through Steerage**

The personal effects of the steerage passengers will be carefully examined for contraband and documents that may throw light upon any plot against Canadian property that they may have hatched across the line. This work is likely to take up three or four days and after it is concluded the ship will be released. The authorities conducting the searching operations are still maintaining secrecy as to whether or not there have been sensational developments in their task. Evidence that does leak out, indicate that nothing irregular has been discovered. The new regulations, designed to keep away from the Frederick VIII all curious people, whether on shore or on water, were in full force this morning. The neighborhood of the ship on shore is like an armed camp, while patrol boats keep watch in an even wider circle around the vessel than before.

### **Frederick Snow Clad.**

Snow was falling heavily in Halifax today and the Frederick looked like a ship just returned from a trip to the Arctic seas. Everybody on the ship kept carefully below decks and the only sign of life in its vicinity was supplied by officials approaching or leaving the vessel.