

ALIENS SENT OFF TO VERNON

Among the Party of Fifteen is German Who Made Most Spectacular Escape.

Fifteen alien enemies from Vancouver and Victoria left this city under escort on Tuesday evening for the internment camp at Vernon. Twelve of these were gathered in during the past week in Vancouver by the local police, while the other three were arrested recently in Victoria.

Among the prisoners was Adolf

Smitz, the German, who figured in the spectacular escape from a moving train on the Pacific Great Eastern some time ago. Smitz was being brought down to Squamish. When the speed of the train lessened as it approached the terminal, he jumped quickly to his feet, threw up the sash of the window and was out and on the tracks before the surprised guards quite knew what was happening. Smitz was subsequently recaptured and tried at the assizes for breaking away from custody. On the completion of his term, he was handed over to the military authorities.

Several of the prisoners were pretty rough-looking customers, and the party in charge were taking no chances. The shutters in the car provided for their transport were pulled down before the train left the depot, while guards, with fixed bayonets were stationed at each end of the coach. The sergeant in charge had iron ready in case of trouble.

Last evening's party represents one

of the prettiest little hauls of alien enemies that has been made for some time. There were five Germans and seven Austrians in the quota from Vancouver. Sergeant Hood, of the city police, delivered the prisoners over to the military authorities.

Three more prisoners were picked up at Kamloops.

DON'T KNOW FORD.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—The International Committee of Women for Permanent Peace, through the president of the Swedish section, has issued an official communication, which says neither the Swedish section nor the headquarters of the committee at Amsterdam will have any connection with Henry Ford's peace mission.

Pete Daisy, sold by the New York Yankees to the Vernon Coast League Club, is perfectly satisfied. He already has arrived in Los Angeles to spend the winter and will be the first man to report to Ham Patterson's Tigers in the spring.