

RESERVISTS MAY BE DETAINED IN STATES

American Authorities May Prevent Sailings of Foreign Army Men.

NEW YORK, Aug. 7.—Unless the local customs officials, acting under the department of commerce, step in to prevent, there will be sailings tomorrow of a number of foreign registered vessels, some of them carrying reservists.

The British liner Olympic of the White Star fleet was given her clearance papers tonight for Southampton. To other ships intending to sail, however, no permission to get under way has been given. Collector of the port Malaga will decide tomorrow morning on their right to depart after he has reviewed the instructions received from Washington and compared them with the reports of his inspectors regarding the cargoes and passengers of the ships.

The Red Star liner Vaderland has been placed at the call of the Belgian consul here for reservists and may be detained under Secretary Redfield's ruling that ships must not be used for transporting reservists for a foreign army or navy. Under the same ruling, the Fabre liner Santa Anta, crowded with French reservists, may not be permitted to sail for Marseilles.

THE OLYMPIC MAY SAIL.

The battleship Florida lies at the entrance to the upper harbor to guard against any attempted dash to sea by a vessel without clearance papers. The Olympic will not be molested when she passes out. She is a British reserve ship, but apparently the customs authorities have decided she does not come under the ban against reservist-bearing craft.

Several German vessels lay tonight at their Hoboken piers, apparently ready to sail. They have not applied to the customs authorities for papers. It was denied officially here tonight that the German government has requisitioned any of these liners or that it intends to do so.

From the same source came the statement that so far as is known officially in German circles in Washington, the North German liner, Kronz Prinz Wilhelm, which sailed heavily loaded and without passengers Monday night, did not go forth to supply fuel to German cruisers off the Atlantic coast. Furthermore, it was stated if the German cruisers have been communicating by wireless with this side of the Atlantic, such messages have not reached the German embassy in Washington.

GERMAN CRUISERS NEAR.

The continued presence of these German cruisers was reported by incoming vessels tonight. The captain of the steamer Denbigh Hall, from Oran, Algiers, said he heard code messages between German warships during the past four days. Communication with the cruisers from the wireless station at Sayville, L.I., has ceased since a United States ensign was placed in charge.

The Cunard liner Lusitania, yesterday reported to have been pursued by German cruisers on her way to Europe, sent back word by wireless today that all was well with her.

The German reservists here apparently have despaired of getting back to the fatherland. There are 58,000 stranded in New York. They were notified today to return to their homes until further notice. Similar instructions were given to 10,000 Austrian and several hundred Dutch reservists.

THE COLLECTOR'S AUTHORITY.

Collector Malaga interprets instructions from Washington as giving him authority to clear ships with reservists aboard where the reservists sail as individuals and not as an organization. This, it was intimated, might cover the case of the Vaderland. Nearly 1,000 Belgian reservists, it was expected, would be placed in the Vaderland's steerage by the Belgian consul. Many of these reservists, it was said, come from distant points.

No other passengers than Belgians will be permitted to take passage on the Vaderland.

The Vaderland is a Red Star liner, and should not be confused with the Vaderland of the Hamburg-American line. The Hamburg-American liner lies at her dock in Hoboken without announced sailing date.

Other vessels due to sail tomorrow are the Europa for Naples, the French liner Rochambeau for Havre, the Anchor liner Columbia for Glasgow, and the Atlantic Transport liner Minnehaha for London. The Europa and the Rochambeau may be held, but it is thought unlikely that clearance will be refused the Columbia and the Minnehaha.