

BRITISH COLUMBIA READY FOR GERMANS

If Enemy, Emboldened by Temporary Success, Tries Raid, He Gets Surprise

IS CHILI STILL NEUTRAL?

Ottawa Fears Germans Have Got Good Deal of Help There

From a Staff Correspondent.

Ottawa, Nov. 4.—As a result of the apparent sweeping victory of the Germans squadron in the South Pacific, precautions for the defence of Vancouver, Victoria and the British Columbia coast will be redoubled.

It is thought very possible that the German Admiral, emboldened by success, may make a raid on the Canadian coast. The naval authorities profess to be prepared for any raid and are not worrying.

The Rainbow and the two submarines bought just before the war are cruising in Pacific waters, while the land defences have been materially strengthened.

The submarines are the last word in that craft and it is believed they will give a good account of themselves. So far the naval authorities have received no word of the reported German victory off the Chilean coast, but it is presumed the despatches from Valparaiso are substantially correct.

Suspicious of Chili.

The small British squadron under Admiral Cradock was outnumbered with apparently disastrous results. The authorities cannot help expressing admiration for the skilful manner in which the Germans have succeeded in pursuing British cruisers both in the Atlantic and the Pacific.

It was a surprise here that the Germans had succeeded in collecting its five cruisers on the Pacific. The last heard of them they were scattered by thousands of miles, but the Chilean coast was apparently made a concentration base.

The authorities are suspicious that the Germans here have secured more assistance in the shape of coal and provisions from the Chilean Government than the laws of neutral nations provide for. However, it is not believed that the saucy German squadron can long escape disaster itself. A powerful Anglo-Japanese squadron, it is known is heading for the South Pacific, while the Australian squadron is also on the look-out for the Germans.

Pacific Shipping Held Up.

As a result of the German victory, British and Canadian shipping on the Pacific coast is being warned as to the dangers and sailings for Australia and New Zealand may be temporarily cancelled.