

MOB AT VICTORIA RAIDS GERMAN CLUB

**Throw Aside All Restraint of
Law and Order—Soldiers In
Uniform Leaders.**

Victoria, B.C., May 9.—A crowd of four or five hundred strong last evening gave expression to the local feeling of indignation over the drowning of the Lusitania passengers by throwing aside all restraint of law and order and raiding the premises of "Deutscher Verein" and the Blanchard hotel, formerly the Kaiserhof.

Led by a large party of soldiers in uniform the mob broke down the doors of the German club and dragged all the furniture in sight to the street where it was smashed to atoms. They then paraded carrying a picture of King George before them, and amid cheers and enthusiasm that could not be checked by either the civilians or the military police made for the Blanchard hotel. Making their way to the bar short work was made of mirrors, cut glass, etc. By this time the assembly had increased in size, the ringleader had been joined by others and the authorities were confronted by a serious problem. The fire department was asked to turn out to give the mob a shower bath, but the fireman absolutely refused. As far as known no one was seriously hurt.

Damage variously estimated at between \$20,000 and \$25,000 was done to the wholesale premises of Messrs. Simon Leiser & Co., and Moses Lenz, on Yates st., which were attacked, and the crowd looted large quantities of the contents and did likewise to the wholesale premises formerly managed by Carl Lowenberg, ex-German consul here.

Mayor Stewart will hold an investigation, while the participation of a considerable section of the military force in the rioting will call for a military inquiry.