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Victoria, B. C., Crowd Forcibly Express Indignation.

Victoria, B.C., May 11.—A crowd of four or five hundred gave expression of the local feeling of indignation over the drowning of Lusitania passengers by raiding the premises of the "Deutscher Verein" and the Blanchard Hotel, formerly the Kaiserhof. Led by a 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. They then paraded, carrying a picture of King George, before them and amid cheers, and enthusiasm that could not be checked by either civilian or 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 assembled party had increased in size. The single leader had been joined by others, and the authorities were confronted with a difficult problem. The Fire Department was asked to turn out to give the mob a shower bath, but the firemen absolutely refused.

Damage variously estimated at between \$25,000 and \$35,000 was done to the wholesale premises of Messrs. Simon Leiser and Company. The premises of Moses Lenz, on Yates street, were attacked and the crowd looted large quantities of the contents and did likewise to the wholesale premises formerly managed by Carl Lovenberg, 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 military inquiry.