

# GERMANS FAILED IN PLOT TO SEIZE CITIES IN WESTERN CANADA

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Titled Teuton Land, Owner  
Wanted von Spee's Squad-  
ron to Visit the Coast

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Vancouver, Aug. 26.—The authorities here have learned a plot engineered just before the outbreak of the war to seize Vancouver and other coast cities.

Count Alvensleben, owner of large properties here, and who lived here part of the time, cabled from Berlin to leading German residents here to secure an invitation to these waters for Admiral Von Spee's China Coast squadron. The plan somehow fell through, and when the war broke out the Scharnhorst and Gneisenau were not here, and Vancouver, Victoria, the British Columbia mines, the Pacific cable and the steamer route to the far east remained in British hands.