

GERMANS SCHEMED TO TAKE VANCOUVER

Cables From Berlin Advised In- vitation to Admiral Von Spee

ANTE-BELLUM PLOTTINGS

Might Have Controlled B. C. Coast, Coal Mines and Cables

By Canadian Press.

Vancouver, Aug. 28—Plans of a plot which was to culminate in the seizure of Vancouver and other cities of the Pacific coast by Germans have just come to the attention of the authorities in this city.

Details of the plan are said to have been worked out by Alvo Von Alvensleben, a German broker of Vancouver, who was in Berlin when war was declared. The information obtained in Vancouver to-day is that while in Berlin Alvensleben cabled to a Teutonic resident of Vancouver asking him to call a meeting of trusted Germans to start an agitation for the inviting here of Admiral Von Spee's squadron (now, at the bottom), which was then on the China coast.

Many committee meetings were held, and if the arrangements had culminated the Gneisenau and Scharnhorst would probably have been in local waters when war broke out ready to attempt to take possession not only of Vancouver, Victoria and Prince Rupert, but of the coal mines on Vancouver Island, in which German capital was heavily invested. The Germans planned control from here of the Pacific cable and the route to Vladivostock.