

TOURISTS LEAVE BERMUDA

Prices Are Low There, However,
Says Commissioner Richards.

"Bermuda is almost deserted as the result of severance of diplomatic relationship with Germany by the United States," said Commissioner William J. Richards of the Salvation Army, who returned to Toronto yesterday.

Inside information, he said, had been received by men with inner New York connections which made them anxious to get home off the seas before Congress met again early in April. Three of the largest hotels in Hamilton have closed; others plan to close soon.

Early Saturday evening officials drove everyone below and ordered all lights out. Every bright light on the ship was put out. All the salons and decks were dark, only the faintest glimmer of light being allowed in the passageways and the staterooms. No definite reason was given, although one of the crew hinted strongly of the submarine danger.

Two hundred German prisoners are interned on a small island near Hamilton. Twenty-four British cruisers are abroad in the waters nearly all the time. One curious American who was going to land with his yacht on the prisoners' island one afternoon a few days ago had a shot thrown across his bow that caused him to change his mind hurriedly.

Prices are much lower on the islands than in Canada, in spite of the tourist trade. Potatoes sell from \$2 to \$2.50 a bag. Good English-made boots can be bought for \$2.50 to \$3.50.