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SEIZURE OF GERMAN SHIPS.

In these days the British Government and Empire are receiving a great deal of attention by the press of all civilized countries. This is primarily on account of the war in South Africa, and the general hostility of the continental European peoples to Great Britain. Just now the German press has suddenly become rampantly angry because of the seizure of German steamers trading to Delagoa Bay and alleged to be carrying contraband goods intended for the use of the Boer armies.

Germany has had a large trade with East and South Africa, which has been largely carried on by a line of mail steamers plying from German ports to Lorenzo Marques, on Delagoa Bay. It is well known that before the war broke out these steamers carried many cargoes, including cannon, rifles and ammunition for the Transvaal Government. In time of peace this trade could not be stopped. The British Government has received information that the German liners have been carrying on the same trade in contraband goods since the war has been going on. The commanders of British cruisers, no doubt acting under instructions from the home authorities, have seized two steamers, the General and Bundsrath, of the German line and sent them to Durban to be adjudicated upon by the prize court there.

The German press and the steamer owners deny that the seized vessels were carrying contraband goods. The British press assert that the cargoes were at least in part contraband. This latter contention seems extremely probable in view of the fact that the steamers were carrying large cargoes of war supplies before the war, the chance that this profitable trade once established would be continued until it was checked, and the positive information received by the British authorities that such has been the case. This conviction is strengthened by the fact that the Kanzler, another steamer of the same line, on route to Delagoa Bay, stopped at Naples and discharged a large quantity of contraband goods.

It is stated that in addition to the steamer referred to and the British vessels carrying American goods, before mentioned some Russian and French vessels have also been seized for carrying contraband goods to Delagoa. For this reason a section of the German press is now demanding that Germany shall unite with Russia and France to prevent future seizures and enforce redress and apology for the seizures already made. The British government preserves its calm under all this continental clamor. The seized vessels will go the prize court. There, under the strict rules of international law, their cases will be tried out in the presence of representatives of the nations interested. If their cargoes when unloaded and examined are found, as seems likely, to contain contraband, the Bundsrath and General will be condemned, with the approval of the German Government. If otherwise the British Government will pay damages for unlawful detention.

Of course the Governments of the nations interested will protect the lawful interests of their ship-owners, but the authorities are by no means so frantic as the newspapers. They know that such seizures as have been made are no new thing. For that matter more British ships than of any other nation have in years past been seized for carrying contraband goods. What is the case of Britain today may be the case of Germany, Russia or France a year hence should either of them be engaged in war. There is therefore no good reason to suppose that the recent seizures will lead to very serious international troubles.

WARSHIPS BUILDING.

The Spanish American war gave a new impetus to the building of warships among the civilized nations. Few are perhaps aware of the extent to which building operations were going on during the year 1899. Whittaker's Almanac supplies the following figures:

During the year Britain had under construction 16 first-class battleships, 12 first-class, 3 second-class and 3

third-class cruisers and 45 torpedo boat destroyers.

The United States—8 first-class battleships, 20 torpedo boat destroyers and 22 torpedo boats.

Japan—4 first-class battleships, 5 first-class cruisers, 8 torpedo boat destroyers, 13 torpedo boats.

Germany—4 first-class battleships, 1 torpedo boat destroyer and 9 torpedo boats.

France—3 first-class, 1 second-class battleships, 17 cruisers of which 11 are first-class, 8 torpedo boat destroyers and 38 torpedo boats.

Russia—6 first class battleships, 15 cruisers of which 11 are first-class, and 28 torpedo boat destroyers.

Italy—4 first-class battleships, 4 first class cruisers, 1 torpedo boat destroyer and two torpedo boats.

Most of these are being built in pursuance of plans to build a given number of war vessels each year for years to come. But during the past year Italy undertook to make an extra outlay of 25,000,000 lire (about \$5,000,000) to increase her navy. Germany has been spending \$15,000,000 yearly on new war ships, and the present law provides for this to go on till 1904. The Kaiser's new scheme, now likely to be adopted, involves an outlay of \$31,000,000 yearly on new war vessels for 14 years to come.

It is gratifying to learn that Capt. Finlayson pronounces the Minto "a better all-round boat than the Stanley" and predicts that the winter's work will demonstrate the fact. Capt. Finlayson ought to know.

These are hard times for Provincial Governments. Greenway was recently defeated, the P. E. Island Government has suffered severe reverses and has a scant majority, if any, and now the Semlin Government in British Columbia has been defeated.

London Daily Mail has raised the vast sum of \$250,000 for the sick and wounded soldiers out of Kipling's Absent Minded Beggar, for which poem the Mail has the exclusive right. It is from this fund that Sir Wilfrid Laurier received £1,000 for Canadian soldiers' wives and children.

The New York Herald sees cause for alarm in the Kaiser's proposed additions to the German navy which will make a total of over 55 new battleships and armored cruisers. If other nations only follow their present rate of building Germany may thus in a few years surpass Russia in naval strength, equal France and leave the United States far astern in the race. The Herald says, "It is from this embittered and distrustful rival we, in the future have most of harm to expect."

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