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German Is Facing Charge Under Defence Act at Vancouver

Vancouver, Jan. 30.—(CP)—F. W. Pietz, German seaman, charged with violating Defence of Canada Regulations, was remanded until Tuesday when he appeared Monday in police court before Magistrate H. S. Wood.

Pietz was arrested Saturday by Sergeant John Barnes of the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, who alleged the German wrote two letters to his wife and a friend in Rotterdam disclosing information regarding Canada's resources.

Sergeant Barnes said Pietz was a sailor on a British ship which visited here before war was declared. While in port he was taken ill and on his recovery was sent to an internment camp, where he remained until December 24, when he was released on parole.

"The information contained in the letters is not of very much importance," City Prosecutor Oscar Orr said. "It has been in all papers and has been broadcast on the radio.

"It is not a case of espionage, but the mere discussion of Canada's resources appears to be contrary to the agreement he signed (not to discuss the war)."

Pietz said he was unaware the information in the letters was contrary to the law as he had gleaned it from newspapers.