

EGYPT CONFISCATES GOODS OF 4 SHIPS

**Seizure Follows Order to Take
Palestine-Bound Cargoes of
Value to Military Effort**

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ALEXANDRIA, Egypt, May 17—Following an official order to confiscate all goods in Egyptian ports that are in transit to Palestine and useful to the Egyptian military effort, customs officials seized today 3,200 tons of cargo from four ships here.

Under the order, all cargoes of arms and ammunition for any destination are liable to confiscation.

A total of 1,500 tons of machinery, canned food, iron plates and pipes and building iron and a quantity of acids were taken from the Vigeld, a Norwegian ship from London. From the Menon, flying the Egyptian flag, five cases containing 105 rifles were taken. The Arsia, an Italian ship from Genoa, had 376 tons of iron, cotton and woolen goods, caustic soda, machinery and dried fruits and seven and a half tons of ammunition confiscated.

From the Richard Borchard, flying the British flag and believed to be Zionist-owned, its 1,300-ton cargo from Italy of seaweed, machinery, aluminum, tin, motors and dried fruits was confiscated.

It was reported in Cairo that Egypt had sent a note to the powers informing them that all ships transporting war materials and supplies for the Zionist would be stopped. The powers were also informed that Palestine territorial waters must be considered as a danger zone.

The Polish Minister informed Foreign Minister Ahmed Khashaba Pasha this afternoon that planes had damaged a Polish ship during a raid on Tel Aviv. The Foreign Minister replied that he had already advised the powers as to what must now be considered danger zones in Palestine.