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The American Charge d'Affaires at Berlin, Mr. Alexander C. Kirk, reported to the Department of State that in reply to an inquiry at the Ministry of Marine this afternoon, he was told that the American crew was on board the <u>City of Flint</u> at Murmansk.

Following a further inquiry late this afternoon at the Foreign Office, Mr. Kirk was informed that according to the latest reports, the vessel and crew were still at Murmansk. It was also said that if following the completion of repairs the ship were taken to another port, the American crew would presumably be kept on board to operate the vessel.

Mr. Kirk also reported that according to information he had received from the American Consul General at Hamburg, the Prize Commissioner has received no news whatever of the vessel.

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