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Possibility of Averting Hostilities Seems To Be Growing Less. Country At Large Seems Determined To Avenge Loss of American Lives. Further Submarine Attacks On American Merchantmen May Bring On Actual Declaration of War.

Washington, March 21.—(United Press)—The President has called an extra session of Congress for April 2. He has decided to meet Germany's high seas affronts with sweeping action.

War seems just ahead. Congress may be asked to consider aggressive steps toward Germany.

With a state of war admittedly existing further submarine attacks on American merchantmen may result in declaration of war by Congress.

The possibility of averting hostilities is apparently killed. The President's decision is based on the tremendous appeal from the country for revenge for Germany's killing American citizens and destruction of American property.

It is recalled that a year ago the President told his advisers he believed if America entered the war actively the struggle would terminate within a few months.

Senator Chamberlain Will Confer With President. Washington, March 21.—(United Press)—Senator Chamberlain declared he will confer with the President soon regarding universal military training and other preparedness measures.

RUMORS OF GERMAN REVOLUTION UNFOUNDED. Amsterdam, March 21.—(United Press)—Rumors of a German revolution circulated on the stock exchange today aroused intense excitement. Uninterrupted communication of railway wires and regular arrival of German papers indicated the report was unfounded.

FIVE AMERICANS LOST IN VIGILANCIA SINKING. Washington, March 21.—(United Press)—Five Americans died in the sinking of the Vigilancia, the Consul at Plymouth reported.

GERMANS ARE STILL RETREATING

London, March 21.—(United Press)—The German retreat has apparently not reached the "hindenburg line" today. Nevertheless stiffer fighting indicated the Germans are preparing to make a stand.

Seven Killed, Town Wrecked By Tornado

Little Rock, March 21.—(United Press)—Seven are killed and eight injured in a tornado near Delmark this morning. Practically every building in Delmark was wrecked.

NORWEGIAN STEAMER IS TORPEDOED

Washington, March 21.—(United Press)—Norwegian freight steamer Davanger, enroute to Rotterdam was torpedoed on March 14; the crew was saved. One American was aboard, Robert Leroy Bragg, of California.

E. L. Devereaux, president of the Devereaux Mortgage company of Portland was in the city yesterday. He was the guest of Mr. F. L. Meyers at the business men's luncheon.

MOTOR CAR TO RUN TO ELGIN BEGINS APR. 1

O.-W. R. & N. CO. WILL IMPROVE SERVICE BETWEEN TWO TOWNS.

CITIZENS OF ELGIN AND LA GRANDE FILED PETITIONS

Campaign for the Motor Car was Fathored by Edwin Morrison of Summerville and Assisted by the Commercial Association and Business Men's Committee of La Grande

Motor car service will start between Elgin and La Grande, April 1. The O.-W. R. and N. Co. will put on a motor car which will probably make two round trips daily except Sunday. The service will be in the nature of a trial and its continuance it is understood will depend upon the patronage received.

The citizens of Elgin and neighboring towns have been working to get this service for some time. Mr. Edwin Morrison of Summerville has been the leader in the campaign. Mr. Morrison circulated a petition a year or more ago and got many signers. Recently he took the matter up again, and secured the cooperation of President Snodgrass and the Commercial association. Mr. Miller brought up the matter before the businessmen's luncheon and a resolution endorsing the proposed service was passed and a special committee appointed consisting of George T. Cochran, E. E. Kiddle and Fred L. Meyers to handle the matter and to show the interest of the citizens of La Grande for more convenient service between La Grande and Elgin. President Snodgrass called upon the O.-W. R. and N. officials as did also Mr. Cochran on recent trips to Portland and urged the matter.

The fact that the service is to be established is quite a personal victory for Mr. Morrison, because he has pegged away at it in season and out of season and kept things moving.

Mr. Cochran announced the fact that the service would be started at Mr. William McMurray, general passenger agent of the O.-W. R. & N. company in announcing the new service wrote as follows:

"I am greatly pleased to be able to advise weather conditions permitting, the proposed motor car service between Elgin and La Grande will be inaugurated April 1st.

"As it looks now will probably start it out with two round trips daily except Sunday.

"Mr. Hicks, our traveling passenger agent, will go over the situation carefully again at La Grande and Elgin for the purpose of deciding schedule that will be most suitable to the people as whole."

RUMORS CONTINUE TO CIRCULATE OF SERIOUS RIOTING IN BERLIN

Amsterdam, March 21.—(United Press)—Rumors of serious rioting in Berlin requiring the presence of troops were circulated this afternoon. It is reported many detachments were called to the eastern front to pacify rioters.

HOW THE UNITED STATES WOULD WAGE WAR.

Washington, March 21.—(United Press)—A member of the cabinet outlined the following probable course of action in the event of war and an "alignment with Allies." The British and French fleets in the western Atlantic would be released.

The American fleet would patrol there. Our ports would be opened to the Allies for all purposes. Extension of unlimited credit to the Allies would also result.

BRUCE DENNIS TO CONDUCT BIG CAMPAIGN

LA GRANDE MAN TO BE EXECUTIVE SECRETARY OF LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

CONVENTION SCHEDULED IN PORTLAND FOR APRIL 7

Mr. Dennis is in City Today Tending to Personal Affairs.—Will Have Offices in Selling Building, Portland.—Automobile Licenses Will Retire Bond Issue and Pay Interest.

Bruce Dennis last night informed the legislative committee working to secure the passage of the \$5,000,000 road bond measure which will be voted upon by the people June 4 that he would accept the tender of the office of executive secretary to the committee and would direct the incidental publicity campaign for the bond measure. Mr. Dennis, who is in the city today tending to personal business, made the announcement to the Observer. He will return to Portland in a day or two and open headquarters in the Selling building. In Portland, April 7, a convention of delegates from all over the state will meet to map out the campaign for the passage of the bond bill. Anyone is entitled to attend this convention.

"We need roads," said Mr. Dennis this morning. "That we all agree upon. The only disagreement is upon the means. We in favor of the bonding measure believe that a program of road building, for permanent roads, not annual tinkering, is the best scheme. The plan we propose is the one other states have found to be successful.

"The automobile is the road destroyer and the automobile, therefore, should be the road builder. This is the basic idea in the bonding scheme. "The automobile licenses for the next 25 years, under our plan, will retire principal and interest of the cost of the road construction. The taxpayer does not pay one cent more in taxes; this is the important fact. If the taxes were increased one cent I would be opposed to the measure for as it is taxes are as high as I want them to be."

Mr. Dennis has just returned from Alaska where he and associates have been negotiating for an oil lease.

Pendleton Pioneer of 1849 Died Today

Pendleton, March 21.—(United Press)—William Piper, 95 years old, pioneer of 1849 died this morning at his home near Helix.

CZAR IS TAKEN AND IMPRISONED IN PALACE

EX-RUSSIAN RULER AND CZARINA ARE BOTH TO BE VERY CLOSELY GUARDED AT TSARKOESELO. OTHER ARRESTS MADE.

AFTER ANNOUNCING POLITICAL AMNESTY THE NEW RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT TAKES PRISONERS

Several High Dignitaries of The Russian Church Are Imprisoned. Those Arrested Presumably Refused To Support New Regime. Czar Receives Offer To Go Into Vaudeville.

London, March 21.—(United Press)—A special dispatch from Petrograd declared the Provisional government ordered the former Czar and Czarina deprived of liberty and taken to the palace at Tsarkoe-Selo. Other dispatches said "The Czar would soon rejoin his family at Tsarkoe-Selo.

Apparently the new Russian government began wholesale arrests of royalty immediately after announcing political amnesty. Several high dignitaries of the Russian church were arrested. Presumably those arrested refused to renounce their allegiance to the Royalist regime. Khieff advices stated the clergy there formally recognized the government.

Czar Offered \$5000 Week Salary. New York, March 21.—(United Press)—Louis Selznick, the movie producer and millionaire, formerly a penniless Russian exile, cabled Nicholas Romanoff, former Czar, today offering him five thousand dollars weekly salary to come to America to appear in a film story entitled "Behind The Throne."

Finland Is To Have Its Own Constitution. Petrograd, March 21.—(United Press)—The Provisional government issued a ukase decreeing general political amnesty. The ukase also confirmed previous announcement of a constitution for Finland and ordered immediate convocation of the Finnish.

United States Will Negotiate New Treaty With Russia. Washington, March 21.—(United Press)—America will undertake the negotiation of a new commercial treaty with Russia after recognizing the government. Ambassador Bakinstoff formally notified the state department today that a new regime had been created.

Allies Will Furnish Food To Switzerland. Paris, March 21.—(United Press)—Denys Cochin, minister of blockade, today told the United States the Allies agreed to continue revictualing Switzerland. Cochin announced this as evidence of the ineffectiveness of submarine operations. He just returned from studying the Swiss situation.

French Premier Ribot Makes Declaration. Paris, March 21.—(United Press)—"We are now in position where we fight with equal strength. We have what our enemies do not have, the sentiment that we are defending the cause of right and civilization," declared Premier Ribot, in a formal cabine declaration today.

I. W. W. Speakers Made Threats on Street

Seattle, March 21.—(United Press)—Numerous Everett policemen testified today that I. W. W. speakers made violent threats at street meetings before attempting the invasion of Everett when Jefferson Beard, deputy sheriff was killed.

Sergeant Rice put the newly formed high school cadet corps through its second drill yesterday. The boys are enthusiastic about the work and will soon elect the corps' officers.

Jean Rogers, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adna B. Rogers, is sick with the measles and has been quarantined. For the time being the family is not with Jean.