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WASHINGTON GETS NEWS

Reports Both Vessels Were Torpedoed and Fact Both Carried Americans Promise Fresh Issue With Central Powers.

WASHINGTON, March 25.—The channel steamer Sussex, damaged yesterday in the English Channel, and the British liner Englishman, destroyed by an explosion, both carrying American citizens, were torpedoed, according to consular reports received by the State Department today.

Flat statements that torpedoes were responsible were made in both cases, but the consuls did not give the source of their information.

Twenty-five Americans were on the Sussex, whether any of them lost their lives or were injured was not established by the official reports, though news dispatches indicated that Americans might have been lost. Four Americans, employed as horse-handlers, were aboard the Englishman. None was among those rescued landed at a British port.

New Complications Possible. Coming at a time when the State Department was awaiting the result of the investigation of the Dutch liner Tubantia and considering affidavits regarding an alleged submarine attack on the French ship Paffia, the destruction of the Englishman and the damaging of the Sussex raised again the possibility of complications between the United States and the Central European powers.

The most important dispatch regarding the Sussex came from American Ambassador Sharp at Paris. He reported that the American consular agent at Dieppe, Walter P. S. Palmer-Samborne, had informed him that the Sussex was torpedoed about six miles off the French coast while carrying 386 passengers and a crew of 45 and that 60 or 80 passengers had been wounded or killed.

Ambassador Sharp quoted Samuel Bemis, an American, as saying that he had seen several persons killed in the explosion.

Detailed Reports Ordered. Ambassador Page at London reported that the British government had informed him of the disaster and supplied the names of the 25 passengers.

Before the dispatch from Ambassadors Sharp and Page were received, instructions to forward immediately all available details of the Englishman and the Sussex disasters were sent to consular and diplomatic representatives in England and France.

First information regarding the Americans aboard the Englishman was received in a dispatch from Consul Armstrong at Bristol. The fact that the Englishman had carried horses to St. Nazaire, France, before starting on her return trip, on which she was destroyed, does not alter the case, in the opinion of officials. The State Department considers that the transportation of horses does not give the ship the character of a government auxiliary.

LENTS HAS FLOOD DANGER

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At 8:30 last night the river in Portland had reached a stage of 15.3 feet and was rising rapidly, having risen eight-tenths of a foot since 4 P. M.

At a stage of 16.5 feet the bridges will have to open to accommodate small boats, such as cabin launches and tugs. The water now is only seven feet below the lower deck of the Hartman bridge.

No driftwood is coming down the stream yet.

GALE BLOWING AT COOS BAY Large Buildings at Marshfield and Vicinity Rocked by Wind.

COOS BAY, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Reports today from all the contiguous coast stations are to the effect a gale is blowing and the weather is likely to become worse. All last night a high wind blew from the southwest and Marshfield pioneers said it was the steadiest and highest blow of similar proportions that had been noted in the Coos Bay section.

Houses were shivered and large buildings were rocked. Rain accompanied the storm, but the fall was not excessive.

Storm Closes Logging Camps. MARSHFIELD, Or., March 25.—(Special.)—Because of the storm numerous camps about here have suspended work. The McDonald and the Vaughn establishments at Daniels Creek and Beaver Hill closed today.

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The Willamette River rose six inches today and now stands at 10 feet 8 inches. No serious damage from outlying districts is reported.

Verdun Reported on Fire. BERLIN, via London, March 25.—Verdun is in flames, according to today's official statement by the German army headquarters.

Otherwise there are no outstanding features of the fighting in the vicinity of Verdun.

PAKIS, March 25.—The French official statement says that the past night was quiet in the Verdun region both east and west of the Meuse. Artillery duels were in progress in the Woerw region.

In the death of George W. Bates, Portland Tent, No. 1, the Macombes, lost a member of 17 years' membership. Mr. Bates carried a certificate of \$3900, drawn to his wife.—Adv.

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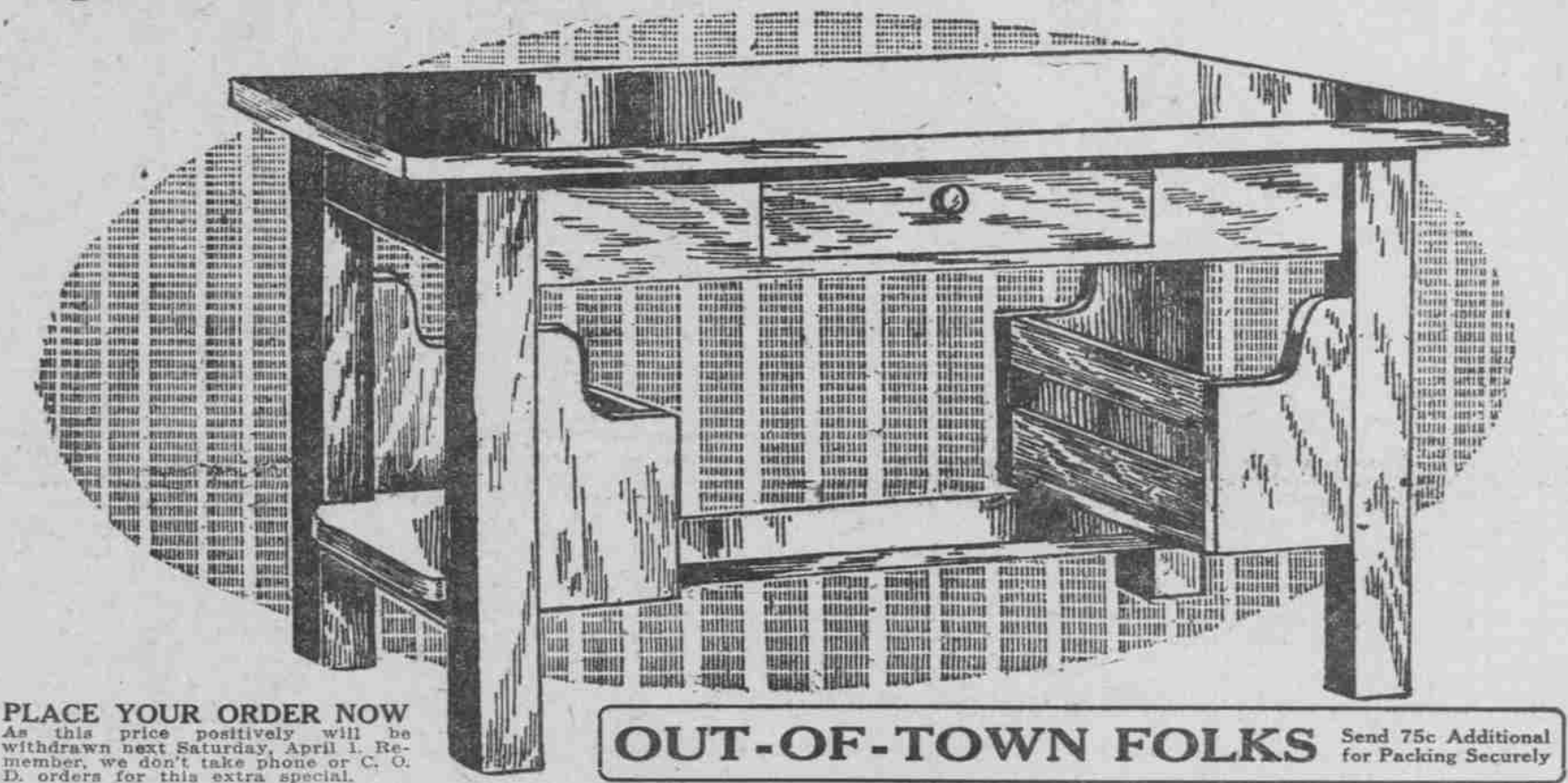
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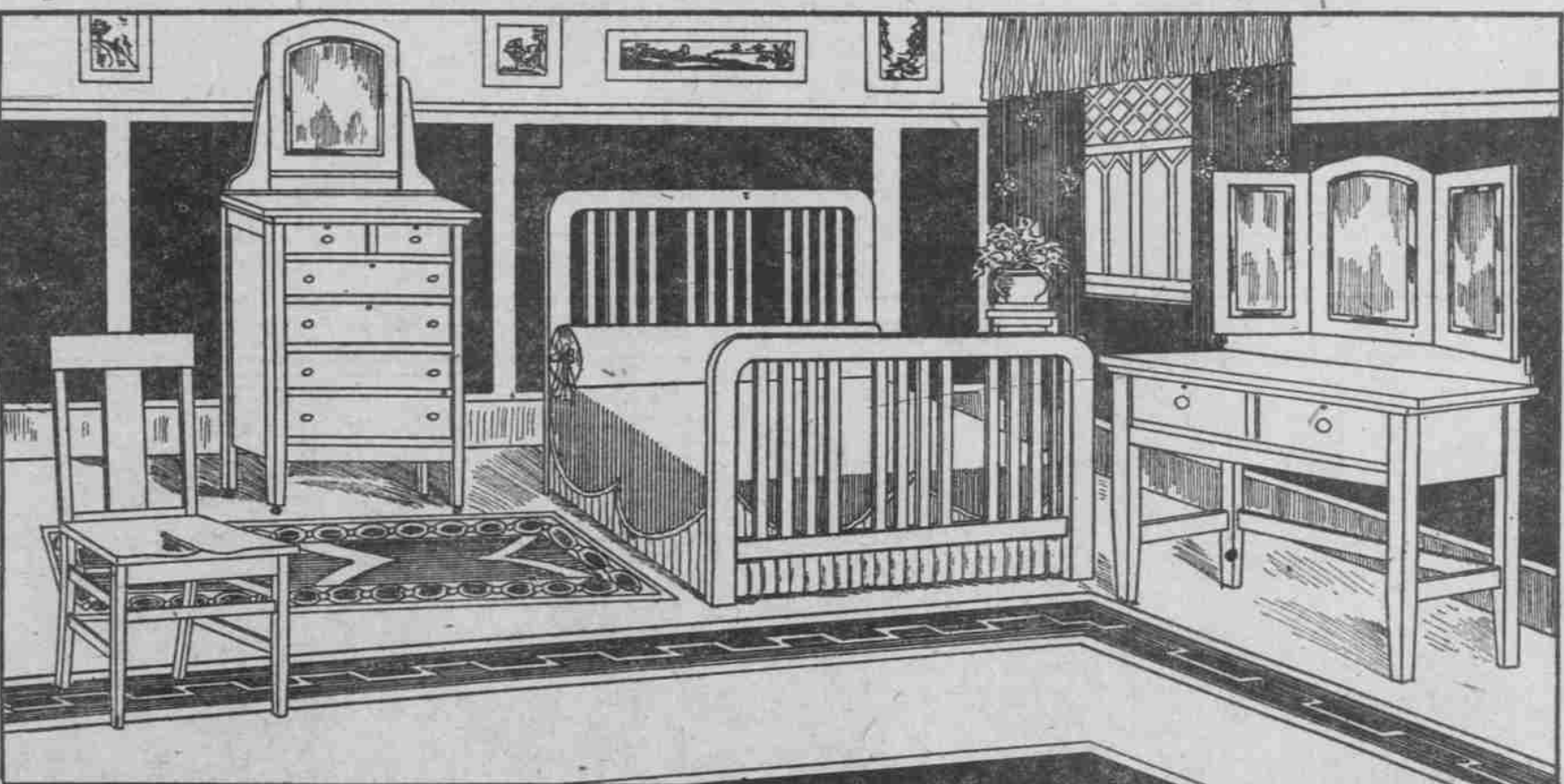
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