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ACTUAL WAR WILL DEPEND ON FATE OF ARMED LINERS

If Armed American Ship Is Attacked Action May Be Forced

PRESIDENT WILL NOT FORCE THE SITUATION

Declaration of War Will Not Be Made If Possible To Avoid It

By Robert J. Bender. (United Press staff correspondent.) Washington, Mar. 20.—Actual declaration of war by the United States against Germany appears to depend upon the fate which befalls the first armed American liner. It also appeared today that avowal of hostilities by President Wilson against the Imperial German government will not result from the sinking of three American freighters last Saturday.

INVENTS AUTOMATIC TORPEDO

WARM FIGHT STARTS OVER CITY ENGINEER

After An Acrimonious Debate No Important Change Made

— Fight involving the city engineer and the assistant city engineer was precipitated in the council last night when a resolution was read regarding the salary of the assistant engineer from \$115 to \$90 a month was read.

ABE MARTIN



It was a dull here yesterday as the open of a horse flesh market. Th' feller who pays his debts at tends t' his own business first.

Wide Spread Rumors of German Revolution

London, Mar. 20.—An unfounded rumor was spread in financial circles here this afternoon of a revolution in Germany.

TO ASK CONGRESS TO INCREASE ALL FREIGHT RATES

Commission Can Only Decide As To Extra Cost To Railroads

SUPREME COURT SAYS IT ALONE CAN DO THIS

Railroads Say Increase In Passenger Rates Will Be Necessary

Washington, Mar. 20.—Congress, at the coming extra session, will be asked to pass a law granting increased freight and passenger rates to the railroads to reimburse them for increased wages they will be compelled to pay under the Adamson eight hour law, prominent railroad heads and officials of the interstate commerce commission told the United Press today.

Denmark Reports It

New York, March 20.—The Evening Sun this afternoon published the following dispatch from London: "Reports from a Danish newspaper state that a revolution has broken out in Hamburg, Germany. No confirmation of the rumor can be obtained here. Official advices are lacking."

A NEW FRENCH LOAN

New York, March 20.—A new French loan of \$100,000,000 in two year notes to be floated in this country was announced by J. P. Morgan and company this afternoon.

Baby Week Work This Year To Save Mothers From Death at Childbirth

Washington, Mar. 20.—Plans to make Baby Week celebrations throughout the country this year from May 1 to May 6, a huge educational movement for the reduction of mortality among women at childbirth are under way at the Children's Bureau of the Department of Labor today.

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Recent Fighting May Be But Prelude To General Engagement

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French Make Slight Progress --Russians Take City of Hilingfors

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Grand Duke Nicholas Caused Abdication

Petrograd, Mar. 20.—The Grand Duke Nicholas cemented his alliance with the people in the Russian revolution and added to his popularity today when it became known that it was he who had really induced Czar Nicholas to abdicate.

ORDERED 60 SUBMARINES

Washington, Mar. 20.—Secretary Daniels yesterday afternoon directed the New York navy yard to proceed at once with the construction of 60 submarine chasers.

Buildings Blown Up, Roads Mined and Whole Country Vast Area of Devastation

By Henry Wood (United Press staff correspondent) With the French Armies Advancing from Roye, Mar. 20.—One hundred and sixteen square miles of territory, burned black and rent with wanton explosions, has been the prize wrested from the Germans by the French in a little district from around Chaulnes to the Oise. It is merely a part of a vast territory reoccupied by the French troops after pursuit of a German retreat that for precipitate haste resembles the retreat from the Marne.

CITY WILL PAY \$5 DAY TOWARD FREE FERRY

\$1,000 Taken From Fire Fund and \$250 From Band for This Use

A free ferry, a city band, and the question of reducing the pay of the assistant city engineer were the problems that occupied the attention of the council at its regular meeting last night and resulted in some pepper being scattered about somewhat promiscuously.

THE WEATHER

Oregon: To-night and Wednesday occasional rain west, partly cloudy east, possibly southerly winds.

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Depot in Texas Made Salemite Homesick

G. W. Baynard, an adopted Oregonian, is making a visit to Mississippi and Texas after an absence of 44 years. He writes that when it comes to real country, there is no comparison anywhere with Oregon. In southern Texas he found the boll weevil had set the farmers back for several years. In Mississippi the cattle could not be compared to the Oregon breed. Then another thing Mr. Baynard did not like about the south was the cold weather and rain. He writes they had more of each in southern Texas than he was accustomed to in Oregon.

MAIL SACKS SEARCHED

New York, Mar. 20.—Twenty-six mail-filled sacks aboard the Sarnar liner Saxonia, which reached here today from Liverpool, were slit open and their contents searched some time last Thursday. The pouches contained mail for the British embassy and for the American government. Captain Benson reported by wireless and postal inspectors boarded the ship at quarantine.

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