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## CUNARD LINER LOLIO SUNK; ONE AMERICAN ON BOARD

### America Must Quit Belgian Relief; Submarine Menace to Be Met With Armed Ships

#### NEW YORK BANKS EXPECTING CALL FOR LARGE LOAN

Financial Institutions of Metropolis Make No Advances Looking to the Promotion of Any New Enterprises, Anticipating Government Call

"New York banks have been asked not to loan money on new enterprises," said A. W. Perry of Boston, sole owner of the Plant Steamship line, who is now in Honolulu. "The government is expected to call upon the banks of the metropolis for \$500,000,000, and perhaps a billion dollars for war purposes."

When seen this afternoon Perry said that he had received information from the main office that the New York banks were not loaning money on new enterprises during the past month, and it was expected that a call would be made upon the National banks in the very near future.

Perry owns the line of steamers operating between New York and Bermuda and New York and the provinces of Canada. During the past few months he has become convinced that freighters will pay more than passenger boats, and since his arrival in Honolulu has closed a deal with the Oriental & Navigation Company for the sale of one of his liners. The purchase price was announced at \$900,000.

Boats Refitted for Freight  
Passenger boats are rapidly being refitted for freight, and all along the Atlantic coast the owners have decided to convert their passenger boats into vessels carrying freight. The freight rate paid from New York to Liverpool has reached \$40 a ton at the present time, and is gradually on the increase. The war insurance alone on the line is placed at 5 per cent of the value.

When asked regarding the possibility of a business starting a new line in the Pacific, Perry said that he believed that Honolulu was well supplied with steamers and in speaking of the public rooms of the Great Northern, said that they were the best in the world, with the possible exception of the Mauretania.

"Your climate is ideal here, and I have been established as a member of the 'Cuba Club' Club. This is my fourth visit to Hawaii and I expect to come back every year. I have spent five winters in Cayman, and have visited practically all of the famous winter resorts of the world, but can safely say that no place quite comes up to Hawaii. The song of Hawaii has been ringing around the world, and have helped to place Hawaii on the map as a mecca for globe trotters of the world."

#### HARBOR BOARD'S STAND BELIEVED TO BE JUSTIFIED

Keeping of German Ships at Piers Said to Be Upheld by House Committee

Chairman Forbes of the harbor board said at 3 o'clock this afternoon that Harbormaster Foster had reported to him that the committee which examines the German ships in the harbor had found no explosives aboard any of them. He declined to say whether there had been found any indications of plans to sink the vessels.

Chairman Forbes also said he had a letter which he hoped to have signed by the other members of the board this afternoon so it could be submitted to the committee from the legislature before the house adjourned this afternoon. That letter he declined to make public.

What, if anything, has been found on board the German steamers Pomern and Selas as a result of search yesterday and today under direction of the harbor board may be reported to the board sometime today.

A meeting was called for 3 o'clock. There were reports this morning that Harbormaster Foster had something to tell as a result of the inspection, but the rumors were unconfirmed. Yesterday's search was said early today to have revealed no explosives or other evidence of intent to damage the ships more than was done a few weeks ago.

Last night's meeting of harbor commissioners, Deputy Attorney General Smith and members of the house military committee was principally to put into definite shape the committee's

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#### Market Weak; Little Trading

##### NEW YORK STOCK MARKET TODAY

Following are the closing prices of stocks on the New York market today, sent by the Associated Press over the Federal Wireless:

Stock	Today	Yesterday
Alaska Gold	104 1/2	104 1/2
American Smelter	112 1/2	112 1/2
American Sugar Bldg.	127 1/2	127 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	83 1/2	83 1/2
Asacanda Copper	102 1/2	102 1/2
Alchison	82 1/2	82 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	76 1/2	76 1/2
Beth Steel, New	114 1/2	114 1/2
Calif. Petroleum	24 1/2	24 1/2
Canadian Pacific	153 1/2	153 1/2
C. M. & St. P. (St. Paul)	81 1/2	81 1/2
Colo. Fuel & Exp.	47 1/2	47 1/2
Crescent Copper	65 1/2	65 1/2
Crucible Steel	28 1/2	28 1/2
Eriz Common	114 1/2	114 1/2
General Electric	120 1/2	120 1/2
General Motors, N.Y.	113 1/2	113 1/2
Great Northern Pfd.	112 1/2	112 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. Y.	112 1/2	112 1/2
Kennecott Copper	45 1/2	45 1/2
Lehigh R. R.	88 1/2	88 1/2
New York Central	94 1/2	94 1/2
Pennsylvania	65 1/2	65 1/2
Ray Common	29 1/2	29 1/2
Reading Common	94 1/2	94 1/2
Southern Pacific	94 1/2	94 1/2
Standard Oil	102 1/2	102 1/2
Studebaker	227 1/2	227 1/2
Union Pacific	156 1/2	156 1/2
U. S. Steel	110 1/2	110 1/2
U. S. Sugar	111 1/2	111 1/2
Western Union	95 1/2	95 1/2
Woolworth	51 1/2	51 1/2
May Wheat	1.81 1/2	1.80 1/2

#### GERMAN CONSUL DOES NOT KNOW DESTINATION

Governor Says Dr. Zitelmann Will Return to Manila, But Diplomat Awaits Orders

Gov. Pinkham: "I understand officially that Dr. Zitelmann will leave on the transport Sheridan for Manila."

Dr. Zitelmann: "It is not certain. Whether I go on the transport depends on the instructions I get."

At noon today this was the status of Dr. Franz C. Zitelmann, German consul at Manila, who was ordered to Peking via Japan by his government after the United States broke with Germany, but was not allowed to land at Nagasaki from the transport Thomas, as the Japanese government and had to continue on to Honolulu. He and his secretary arrived here Thursday on the Thomas.

On being asked by the Star-Bulletin whether the possible severance by China of diplomatic relations with Germany, as appeared extremely likely in dispatches from Peking Monday, would mean the withdrawal of all German consular representatives from China, and would prevent his going to Peking, Dr. Zitelmann made the statement that "it will depend on the instructions I get."

#### JAPANESE LOW SCHOOL BIDDER

With a bid of \$24,980, S. Sasaki, a Japanese and citizen of the United States, was the lowest bidder by \$1295 for the erection of an additional school building at the Kshabunani school. The bids were opened at noon today at the county clerk's office.

There were six bids entered, the other five being Joseph Neves, \$26,275; Henry Fernandez, \$26,759; Pacific Engineering Co., \$28,890; John Walker, \$28,806; and J. L. Young, \$29,809.

These bids will be presented to the board of supervisors this evening for approval and undoubtedly Sasaki will be awarded the contract and it will be the first time on Oahu that a Japanese will get a contract to build a government building. It was expected that many more bids would be entered as over a dozen plans and specifications were taken out by other firms.

The new building is to be constructed of concrete and similar to the new building at Central Grammar school. It must be completed by September 1, 1917, in time for the opening of school next year.

#### \$40,000 BUILDING TO BE ERCTED BY HONOLULU Y.M.C.A.

Members of the board of directors of the Y. M. C. A. passed a resolution at the regular monthly meeting this noon, authorizing the raising of \$40,000 to build and equip an interracial boys' and students' building. This will be erected on the lot at the corner of Fort and Vineyard streets, which was recently purchased for this purpose.

The committee which has done the preliminary work and prepared the plans was appointed as the building committee. This committee, composed of Richard Trent, W. A. Love, C. B. Ripley, W. D. Westervelt, Dr. R. D. Williams and Lloyd E. Killman, secretary, was given authority to raise funds and construct the building. W. A. Love was elected treasurer of the fund.

This action was the culmination of much effort to extend Y. M. C. A. advantages to the American-born students of various races. The work will be especially adapted to this group which is a large and important one. Efforts will be made to complete the fund at once, and have the building ready for occupancy by September.

Imports at the port of New York on Feb. 17, totaled \$4,170,343.

#### WIFE OF PROF. BALLOU IS DEAD OF PNEUMONIA

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#### RAILROAD STRIKE SUDDENLY LOOMS IN NATION'S FACE

Transportation Magnates Announce They Will Not Yield on Eight-hour Stand

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

NEW YORK, N. Y., March 13.—Threats of a nation-wide strike assumed a more definite form today today. Information received and made public by the national conference committee composed of managers of railroads indicates that the brotherhoods have completed arrangements for a progressive series of strikes if the conference with the railway representatives on Thursday results in no agreement.

The railroad heads propose to stand firm. It is learned that even should the roads be threatened with a nation-wide strike at the Thursday conference, their stand will be that there cannot at this time be a compromise on the question of an eight-hour day.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The interstate commerce commission today placed before the railroads concerned a proposal looking toward a permanent solution of the "intermountain rate cases." The plan provides for the abolition of preferential rates in existence for many years on many articles westbound in transcontinental freight for Pacific ports. The existing rates are found unreasonably low and an adjustment will be effected under the proposal of a plan for raising through rates and prescribing proportional rates for intermediate points.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 13.—The heads of the railway brotherhoods wrote to the president on Tuesday, it was learned today, notifying him of a conference with railway representatives scheduled for Thursday in this city. They declared themselves "hopeful" of a satisfactory adjustment of the pending questions. They said that, while negotiating, they would cooperate to the fullest extent with the U. S. government.

Failure of the supreme court to hand down the long expected decision in the cases brought to test the constitutionality of the Adamson act, which had been expected on Tuesday, the 15th; and again yesterday, has led to widespread dissatisfaction among the members of the railroad brotherhoods.

Rumors last night were to the effect that the strike will be called on Saturday and will culminate on Wednesday next in a complete tie-up of all the main transportation lines of the United States. At the headquarters of the Railroad Brotherhoods it was announced yesterday that the men have waited long enough for the supreme court to act, feeling which they intend now to act for themselves.

Dispatches from Alliance, Ohio, one of the great railroad centers of the Middle Western states, reported that 300 trainmen of that division had been ordered to report Thursday afternoon "for orders concerning a strike."

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#### How German Plot Was Learned By Uncle Sam

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

COPENHAGEN, Denmark, March 13.—On the arrival of Ambassador von Bernstorff here, it was learned that he has prepared a statement relative to the German dealings with Mexico, to be forwarded to Berlin. If approved it will be made public through the semi-official Wolff news agency. It is understood the statement deals with the way in which the instruction of Dr. Alfred Zimmermann, foreign secretary, to the German minister in Mexico City, fell into the hands of the American government.

#### Plot Messenger Seized on Border By U. S. Militiamen, Say Officers

First details of the manner in which the German plot to involve Mexico and Japan in war with the United States was learned by the U. S. government have reached Honolulu in newspapers from the coast. A despatch from Houston, Texas, gives the following details of a sensational incident:

HOUSTON, Tex., March 8.—That the absolute credit for the capture of the messenger bringing the Zimmermann note and other papers from Ambassador von Bernstorff at Washington is due to four men, one non-commissioned officer and three privates of Company G, 1st Indiana Infantry, and not to the secret service operatives of the government, was established today on the authority of two officers of the Army, from whom the first intimation of the capture was obtained.

The four men arrested the messenger, secured the Zimmermann note and other papers from the person of the messenger near the little town of Progresso, when he attempted to cross the Rio Grande river, 12 miles below San Juan ferry and 25 miles west of the international bridge at Brownsville, Tex.

These are the only two regulation crossings in this section. Since the patrol of the border and the Rio Grande river, no one is allowed to cross at other points without being questioned, searched and minutely examined by the patrol.

The messenger of Ambassador von Bernstorff is said to have left Washington about four weeks ago with his papers and instructions to deliver to Gen. Carranza, through the German Ambassador at Mexico City. He intended to cross the Rio Grande at a designated point and meet a body of rurales. The rurales were to guide him to a safe route to a particular point, where they were to turn him over to a representative of the German Ambassador and Gen. Carranza who, in turn, would accompany him to the City of Mexico, but the messenger never did connect with the rurales.

#### LATE NEWS AT A GLANCE

ANOTHER STRIKE OF PANAMA CANAL LABORERS  
COLON, Panama, March 13.—Another strike took place today of negro employes on the Panama Canal work. A hundred quit work on Cristobal drydock, demanding higher wages. There has been no interference with the work.

COLOMBIA IS NEARER GETTING THAT \$25,000,000  
WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The senate committee on foreign relations today approved the modified form of the treaty with Colombia whereby the United States is to pay \$25,000,000 to the republic of Colombia for the taking of Panama a decade ago.

WASHINGTON GOVERNOR CHASED BY ARMED MAN  
OLYMPIA, Wash., March 13.—A man who later gave his name as Charles L. Wagner, and who was heavily armed, today called at the executive offices in the state capitol, gained admittance to see Governor Ernest E. Lister, and, pulling a gun, chased the governor out of his office. The man appeared rational, but he held the gubernatorial offices as a fort for a long time before he was argued into surrendering himself. After surrender he was sent to jail.

THAW ADJUDGED INSANE: GOES TO ASYLUM  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., March 13.—Harry Kendall Thaw, slayer of Stanford White, was adjudged a lunatic today. Under the law he cannot be taken to New York to stand trial on the charge of assaulting a Kansas youth who accompanied him on a recent western trip. He was indicted by the grand jury on the charge but when found, with his wrists cut, in Philadelphia, the question of his sanity was again brought up. He is being placed in the state insane asylum. Since his escape from Matteawan and the subsequent legal proceedings he has been free.

MILK INSPECTION BILL ORDERED TABLED  
House bill 114, providing for milk inspection by the board of health instead of under direction of the board of supervisors, was tabled this afternoon in the house following the reading of majority and minority reports.

ECUADOR ASHORE, BUT IS FLOATED UNDAUNTED  
That the Pacific Mail liner Ecuador, from Honolulu, February 19, went ashore Monday at Langshiang, China, near Shanghai, but was floated at noon today, Oriental time, undamaged, is stated in cable advices to the Merchants' Exchange. The grounding is believed to have happened as the Ecuador was leaving Shanghai for Manila. She was scheduled to leave that port for the Philippines March 12. The local agency, H. Hackfeld & Company, Ltd., said this afternoon it had not received any confirmation of the news.

#### PREPARE TO GIVE PLOT TO BLOW TIME FOR VISIT UP TEUTON SHIPS

In a joint session of the finance committees of both houses of the legislature this morning decision was reached to recommend an extension of time on the \$40,000 appropriation proposed for the visit of the congressional party to Hawaii.

This extension is to December 31, in order to give time for the visit after the extra session which is to be called on April 16. According to Delegate J. K. Kalaniainoa's recent cablegram, the congressmen plan to come to Hawaii after the session.

Invitations have been extended to high officials of the cabinet as well as to congressmen, according to a letter just received from the delegate.

Gov. Pinkham has been named as a member of the committee in charge of the visit. Other members are the president of the senate, the speaker of the house, three other representatives, three other senators and the treasurer of the territory as disbursing officer.

While the authorities refuse definite information, the reports are that enough explosives have been smuggled aboard the two interned vessels to destroy them, the League island navy yard and that end of the city nearest the two craft.

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#### WASHINGTON RUSHES PLANS TO PROTECT AMERICAN SEAMEN BY ARMING VESSELS FOR EUROPE

Steps, Largely Secret, Being Taken to Meet German Menace—Report Conference Called in Berlin on Account of Critical Diplomatic Situation

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—Late today U. S. Consul Wesley Frost at Queenstown, Ireland, cabled to Secretary Lansing that the Cunard liner Lolio has been sunk, with one American known to have been aboard. No other details have been learned.

Another announcement at the department of state is the forecast of a probable early withdrawal of all Americans from participation in Belgian relief work, including even U. S. Minister Brand Whitlock, at Brussels. This is a result of the pressure of the submarine campaign.

It is officially stated that the submarining of the Norwegian steamer Storstad, carrying supplies for Belgium, has intensified the situation.

AMSTERDAM, Netherlands, March 13.—Serious disturbances among the German troops in the vicinity of Namur, Belgium, are reported today by the Amsterdam Telegraf.

The Telegraf says that many soldiers have been put into prison for insubordination, and that the disorders were so great that the prisons were crowded with rebellious men. The Telegraf says also that there have been food riots at Barman, in which the police chief was seriously wounded.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 13.—The government is hurrying preparations, largely secret, to meet the German submarine menace.

Complete and definite instructions for the "armed guards" to be placed aboard merchant vessels of the United States, bound through the barred "submarine zone," have been completed by the department of the navy and approved by Secretary of State Lansing. They will be forwarded to the officers and men of the navy who are stationed aboard a merchant vessel whenever the ship which is armed is ready to sail.

The exact nature of the instructions are not made public by the government. The documents were carefully prepared and submitted to Secretary Lansing, who amended them.

It is planned not to send them broadcast through the navy in orders but to furnish them only to the officer commanding the armed guard on each ship.

#### Conference Called in Berlin to Discuss German Submarine Blockade

(Associated Press Service by Federal Wireless)

LONDON, Eng., March 13.—The arrival in Europe of German Ambassador von Bernstorff and his trip to Berlin have caused a discussion in Berlin of the submarine warfare and recent developments.

The discussion is between political, naval and diplomatic representatives, according to Norwegian papers, as reported by a Reuter's despatch today. The despatch also says that "German naval attaches stationed in neutral countries have been called to Berlin for a conference. It is probable that there will be an alteration of Germany's submarine blockade, but no raising of it."

#### Aid For U. S. Seamen Germany Freed

WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 13.—The arrival at Zurich, Switzerland, of the 59 American seamen taken prisoners with the British preceptor Yarrowdale and held in German camps was officially reported today to the state department. The state department has ordered the U. S. legation and consuls in Switzerland to render such aid as is needed by the men, who are reported to be suffering for lack of food.

#### Raids on Russian Lines Get Prisoners

BERLIN, Germany, March 13.—Several successful raids were made today by German troops along the Galician line, against the Russian positions. Thirteen machine-guns and more than 300 prisoners were taken in the raids, says official announcement.

#### JAPAN SENDS GUTHRIE'S BODY TO U. S. ON CRUISER AZUMA

High Mark of Honor for Distinguished American Diplomat—Vessel May Call at Honolulu on Way to San Francisco

(Special Cable to Nippon Jiji)

TOKIO, Japan, Mar. 13.—Funeral services over the remains of the late Ambassador Guthrie, which were held today at the Sanjichu church here, were attended by many prominent American residents as well as Japanese. Among the latter were Prince and Princess Nashimoto, as special envoys of the emperor and empress respectively. The casket was covered with wreaths and flowers sent from the many friends of the late American diplomat, who mourn his sudden death.

Minister of the Navy Admiral T. Kato today detained the first cruiser Azuma to convey to the United States the remains of the late ambassador. The Azuma, it is reported, will sail from Yokohama within a few days, carrying the casket and the late ambassador's family. Whether the cruiser calls at Honolulu or goes direct to a mainland port as yet cannot be learned.

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)

PEKING, China, Mar. 13.—Both China shall cover diplomatic relations with Germany. It is expected that the treaty approved the stand of Premier