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## GERMAN TROOPS RUMORED REBELLIOUS; RIOTING FOR FOOD

### U. S. Navy Ready to Put Officer, Armed Guard on Merchant Ships Bound Through War-Zone

#### 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 offices 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 \$400,000.

#### Boats Refitted for Freight

Passenger boats are rapidly being refitted for freight, and all along the Atlantic coast the owners have decided to remodel 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 liners is placed at 6 per cent of the valuation.

When asked regarding the possibility of a company 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 Nautilus.

Your climate is ideal here, and I have been enrolled as a member of the "Come Back" Club. This is my fourth visit to Hawaii and I expect to come back every year. I have spent five winters in Egypt, 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 sons of Hawaii have been ringing around the world, and have helped to place Hawaii on the map as a mecca for globe trotters of the world.

#### PLOT TO BLOW UP TEUTON SHIPS AT PHILADELPHIA

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Mar. 12.—According to well defined reports, a plot to destroy the German liners Kronprinz Wilhelm and Prinz Eitel Friedrich, the converted cruisers interned at this port, has been discovered by the authorities, who have made five arrests in the matter, two of those seized by the authorities being, according to report, blood relatives of Kaiser Wilhelm.

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.

Henry Rohner, a prominent grocerman of Philadelphia; Adelbert K. Fischer and Mrs. Fischer, his wife, are under arrest, charged with being in the plot to destroy the ships. Fischer is said to be a relative of the German emperor.

Two others have been arrested by the secret service men who have been at work on the case, but their names have not been allowed to become public and much mystery has been thrown over their identity by the authorities. Washington officials, although appealed to by the mayor to have the vessels moved so that their destruction would not injure lives and property in the city, has so far failed to act. The delay it was stated here last night has been owing to difficulty in settling a point of law regarding the right of the government to search the vessels for explosives. The ships are war vessels of the German navy, and it is feared that Berlin might interpret such a search as seizure.

#### 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	Yesterday	Today
Alaska Gold	104 1/2	104 1/2
American Smelter	104 1/2	104 1/2
American Sugar Ref.	112 1/2	112 1/2
American Tel. & Tel.	127 1/2	127 1/2
Anaconda Copper	83 1/2	83 1/2
Atchafalpa	102 1/2	102 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	52 1/2	52 1/2
Beth. Steel, New	76 1/2	76 1/2
Duff, Petroleum	112 1/2	112 1/2
General Electric	152 1/2	152 1/2
General Motors	81 1/2	81 1/2
Goodyear	47 1/2	47 1/2
International Harb.	113 1/2	113 1/2
Inter. Harv. N. J.	115 1/2	115 1/2
Kennecott Copper	45 1/2	45 1/2
Lahog R. E.	88 1/2	88 1/2
New York Central	94 1/2	94 1/2
Pennsylvania	53 1/2	53 1/2
Reading	94 1/2	94 1/2
Standard Oil	94 1/2	94 1/2
Union Pacific	136 1/2	136 1/2
U. S. Steel	110 1/2	110 1/2
Western Union	95 1/2	95 1/2
Westinghouse	51 1/2	51 1/2
May Wheat	1.81 1/2	1.80 1/2

#### ALLEGED CHECK ARTIST CAUGHT IN HARD RACE

Tourists at Waikiki beach were treated to a thriller this morning when Honolulu police, in a fast half-mile dash, ran down a bad check artist, and may it be said in commendation of the visitors' appreciation that they turned out along the way in large numbers to enjoy the race.

Raymond Jones, alias Hartman, was the pursued and Harbor Police Officer "Al" Carter and Special Officer Jesse Gray, formerly police officer at Waikiki, were the pursuers.

They took up the chase at the Moana Hotel; drove the fleet Jones out along the beach, over the stream dividing the Moana from the Outrigger, through the Seaside grounds, past TrenTown and finally landed him on Kalakaua avenue by the help of Maxwell McClain, a luns of a Rapid Transit gang.

Carter says he never ran so fast or so far in all his life and admits being "killed" when he finally got his man. He also declares he never saw so many interested tourists before. The men swarmed out of hotels and cottages with a yell of joy to join in the chase, they knew not what for, and women screamed and ran for their jewelry. Carter credits McClain with the catch.

"Just before I saw McClain and yelled for him to help we were running neck and neck," says Carter between breaths. "He couldn't go any faster nor could I. It was a question of who would drop first."

Jones is a young fellow who came over on the Sierra. He was working on the boat and stopped off here intending to go back to his home in California in the Sonoma tonight.

Recently he drew five checks on the Bank of Hawaii, Ltd., totaling about \$100, signing the name of George L. Hartman. They proved to be worthless and the police were asked to apprehend him.

The checks were drawn to the following with the indicated amounts: H. A. Long, \$25; Fashion Clothing Company, \$37; The Hub, \$20; Wee Wo, \$2.50; Hee Wo, \$14. Most of the purchases were in clothing which has been recovered.

Capt. McDuffie of the detectives, who is investigating the case, has learned that Jones is 18 years old and son of a deputy sheriff of Alameda county, California.

Searches Vessels First  
Carter spent last night searching vessels for the alleged defrauder and was about to continue the work this morning when the police got word that Jones had called from the Moana Hotel to have a \$25 suit which he had just purchased the day before at the Fashion delivered out there.

As a ruse, the Fashion boy was sent out with a package under his arm and Carter, Gray and Ed Wongham, the Fashion manager, shadowed him. Jones was not staying at the Moana. He got off a street car shortly after the officers arrived, recognized the trap and started the race.

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

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

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

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 justified 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 report on its conference with the board in executive session yesterday morning.

The Star-Bulletin was told today that yesterday's session convinced members of the military committee the harbor board is entirely justified in keeping the ships at the piers. In view of the dangers involved in moving them and anchoring them, helplessly, outside the harbor. Forecasts of the committee's report to the house were that it would in general uphold the board, though probably not giving in detail what it had heard at the executive session, since much of this is held to be of a delicate nature.

At noon today Chairman Forbes of the harbor board said he had not received any verbal or written report from Capt. William R. Foster on the results of the investigating committee's search of the German refugee merchant steamers Pommern and Setos Monday afternoon to see whether any explosives were aboard the vessels and to determine if any attempt or preparations had been made to scuttle them.

"I will not call a meeting of the board until after I hear from Capt. Foster," said Forbes. "I have not heard from him yet. Earlier in the day the harbormaster told the Star-Bulletin he would try to render a verbal report to Forbes before noon and would turn in a written one later on. Capt. Foster refused to say what the committee found aboard the big freighters, if anything.

Concerning the legislature's investigating committee, Forbes said it has asked him for a little more data on what the harbor board has done to protect the waterfront's interests in the event of war with Germany. He said he expected to have the data ready for the legislative committee before the day is over.

Inquiry May Be Dropped  
Receipt this afternoon of a commu-

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#### RAILWAY STRIKE NOW DEPENDS ON EARLY CONFERENCE

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
WASHINGTON, D. C., Mar. 13.—That the prospects for a railway strike are not so ominous as reported last night developed today. The heads of the railway brotherhoods wrote to the president on March 7, it was learned, 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 case brought to test the constitutionality of the Adamson Act, which had been expected on Tuesday, the 6th, and again yesterday, has led to widespread dissatisfaction amongst 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, failing which they intend now to act for themselves.

Despatches 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."

#### 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 4.—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 patrols.

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.

#### 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 Niipu Jiji)  
TOKIO, Japan, Mar. 13.—Funeral services over the remains of the late Ambassador Guthrie, which were held today at the Sanichi 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 detailed 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.

#### WANT TO LEARN WHY DOCK UNUSED TO HOLD HEARING ON BARBER BILL

If arrangements can be made, Capt. Ahman of the Great Northern will meet with the public lands committee of the house of representatives this afternoon to discuss the Kuluhi wharf project, now before the committee. A resolution has been introduced to ascertain why the Great Northern and steamers of the Matson fleet do not dock at Kuluhi wharf. The public lands committee already has held several meetings to discuss the measure and last Saturday visited the wharf. The committee has addressed the following letter to the local agent of the Great Northern:

"If it will be convenient for you, could you arrange with Capt. Ahman of the Great Northern to meet the public lands committee at the harbor board rooms in the capitol building at 2 p. m. this afternoon to discuss the Kuluhi wharf project in Hilo? Any suggestions from him to help put this wharf in condition so that your boats can use it will be greatly appreciated."

#### HOUSE INQUIRES AS TO HOMESTEADING PLANS

Questions relating to the opening of homestead lots on Hawaii are put to Land Commissioner B. G. Rivenburgh in a letter addressed to him today by Representative Norman K. Lyman, chairman of the public lands committee.

The letter is based on a house resolution asking an explanation of the delay in opening up certain homestead lots applied for as far back as 1913. The letter follows:

"Will you kindly let me know what you are going to do with the Kaanahuhi lots, in North Kohala, which lots have all been surveyed and divided for homesteads? If the land has been appraised, and by whom? What is the appraised value? How many lots are there? What agreement are the lots to be given out under? When is the drawing to take place? How many lots can each applicant draw? What will be the interest under the agreement which you intend to put these lots out?"

#### 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)  
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.

(Associated Press by Commercial Pacific Cable)  
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."

#### Raids on Russian Lines Get Prisoners

BERLIN, Germany, March 12.—Several successful raids were made today by German troops along the Galician line, against the Russian positions. Thirteen machine-guns and more than 200 prisoners were taken in the raids, says official announcement.

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

(Associated Press by Federal Wireless)  
PEKING, China, Mar. 13.—Both houses of the Chinese parliament yesterday approved the stand of Premier

#### GERMAN CONSUL DOES NOT KNOW DESTINATION

On being asked by the Star-Bulletin whether the possible severance by China of diplomatic relations with Germany, as appeared extremely likely in despatches 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."

Despatches from Peking Monday to London said that Chinese representatives in a secret session had approved the government's diplomatic policy, including the severance of relations with Germany. Premier Tuan Chi Jul and his entire cabinet appeared before senators and representatives and stated that the cabinet of President Li Yuan Hung had decided that China should sever relations.

If relations are severed, Dr. Zitelmann will be in a most peculiar position, as with diplomatic relations broken off with Germany by both China and the United States he will be persona non grata with either country and cannot return to his old consular post at Manila or take the new one he was to have assumed at Peking.

Transportation on the transport Sheridan has been authorized by Washington officials and he will leave Thursday. It has not been given to him here but will be issued at once, according to a telephone message from the transportation department of the quartermaster's office today.

The governor issued the above statement a few minutes before noon. A few minutes after noon Dr. Zitelmann, at H. Hackfeld & Company's building, uttered his version of the situation.

It is known that Gov. Pinkham cabled the state department at Washington for instructions after he was visited by Dr. Zitelmann. The governor's statement today is taken to mean that he has received them and that they are to have the doctor return to Manila on the transport Sheridan.

A bill to permit women to vote in the primary elections was passed by the Arkansas house.

Telesopic spectacles have been invented for persons who are so extremely nearsighted that ordinary lenses do not offset the defect.