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War in Europe, which eventually will involve the entire world, has already begun. Erich Maria Remarque, German novelist, who has been living in Switzerland for eight years, declared today upon his arrival here aboard the Cunard White Star liner Queen Mary for a brief visit.

Remarque, author of the best sellers »All Quiet on the Western Front«, »The Road Back« and »Three Comrades«, who is traveling on a certificate of identification issued by the American Consul in Switzerland, asserted:

»We have had little fires in Ethiopia, Spain and Czechoslovakia, and slowly it has become a big fire, involving the whole world eventually.«

Asked when a formal declaration of war may be expected, he replied: »It looks like it may be June.«

The novelist, who speaks a fair English, said that America is the »Savior of the world.«

»I have been in Europe long.« he stated, »and I have seen the big impression that the words of President Roosevelt have made in the past few weeks. I have a heart for people and writers in America. In Europe we are aged. The United States is young.«

He said he had read the works of Theodore Dreiser, Sinclair Lewis, William Faulkner and Ernest Hemingway in translation and had come to the conclusion that American literature is the »most important in the world today«.