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## LUSITANIA DEATH LIST 1,216; FIVE BRIDGEPORTERS MISSING

Twelve hundred and sixteen lives is the toll aboard the Lusitania which was torpedoed and sunk by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland yesterday. Few first class passengers were saved, and Alfred G. Vanderbilt, Charles Frohman, Elbert Hubbard and other prominent Americans are numbered among the missing.

Three of the Bridgeport passengers aboard the Lusitania have been accounted for as safe. There is no word concerning five others from Bridgeport and their relatives and friends are distracted.

The cargo of the Lusitania, valued at millions, included a tremendous amount of ammunition of all sorts shipped from Bridgeport to the Allies. Investigation may disclose that there was a terrific internal explosion, causing the liner's watertight compartments to be ripped asunder, thus explaining its rapid sinking.

The latest available information indicates that about two-thirds of the persons on board the Lusitania lost their lives when the big trans-Atlantic liner was sunk off the Irish coast by torpedoes from a German submarine last Friday.

The number of passengers is given by the Cunard Steamship representatives in New York as 1,254 and of the crew as 665, a total of 1,919. The number of survivors now accounted for is 703. This indicates a death list of 1,216.

Hopes that the list of saved may be materially increased were dashed by an announcement from the British Admiralty that all but one of the rescue fleet which put out from Queenstown had reported, and that there was little hope for the other passengers.

### WASHINGTON AWAITS DETAILS OF LOSS OF THE LUSITANIA

Washington, May 8—Shocked and appalled by the tragic aspect of the Lusitania disaster as hourly developments disclosed its magnitude and far-reaching possibilities, with the probable loss of 437 American lives, President Wilson and his advisers are waiting for all the facts and for a crystallization of public opinion to aid in laying out the course the United States will pursue in this latest international complication—the gravest the President has faced since the outbreak of the European war.

Nowhere in administration circles is there any disposition to minimize the situation but President Wilson, while seeking the facts, hopes that the country will assume an examining attitude and reserve full judgment until all complete information is at hand.

As more details began coming in activities at the White House and the executive departments of the government disclosed how much administration officials realize the tenacity of the situation.

Secretary Bryan cabled Ambassador Gerard at Berlin to informally ask the German government for its report of the disaster and to Ambassador Page at London he sent messages urging renewed efforts to aid the suffering and gather information.

President Wilson, while he went to the golf links for his recreation, left instructions to be notified of any important despatches.

Cabinet officers who had planned a week-end holiday away from Washington, cancelled their plans and Secretary Garrison abandoned a week's official trip through the south.

Chairman Stone, of the Senate foreign relations committee, issued a statement counseling calmness and pointing out that qualifying circumstances must be taken into consideration because the Lusitania was a belligerent vessel. He considered the attack on the American steamer Gulfight, a much more serious offense against neutral rights.

### CAPTAIN TURNER STAYS AT POST

London, May 8—Captain Turner, of the Lusitania stood at his post on the bridge until ship went down and was rescued three hours afterward wearing a life belt, according to D. A. Thomas, of Cardiff, Wales.

"Our course was shaped for shore immediately after the torpedo struck," Mr. Thomas said. "There is a difference of opinion as to whether the steamer was struck by more than one torpedo; but I heard only one."

### CUNARD CO. CALLS IT "MURDER"

Liverpool, May 8—Alfred Booth, manager-director of the Cunard Steamship Co., made the following statement today:

"I desire to send my heartfelt sympathy, wherein all the Cunard directors and managers join, to relatives and friends of the American passengers murdered by the German submarines."

"I am certain the whole civilized world is at one in grief for the sorrow and suffering caused and in loathing for this treacherous attack on innocent lives, so many of whom were women and children."

"Every possible step is being taken to relieve the immediate wants of these survivors at Queenstown after their terrible experiences."

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### TORPEDOED OCEAN LINER LUSITANIA, HER CAPTAIN AND SOME OF THE PROMINENT AMERICAN PASSENGERS ON FATEFUL TRIP



1. CAPT. TURNER—2. ELBERT HUBBARD—3. ALFRED VANDERBILT—4. CHARLES FROHMAN—5. THE LUSITANIA SAILING

### BRIDGEPORTERS HOPE AGAINST HOPE AS NO WORD COMES FROM ABSENT RELATIVES

Isaac B. Trumbull Among the Missing—Adams Express Co. Puts Whole Machinery at His Relatives' Disposal  
Local Woman's Brother and Sister Lost; Mother May Die From Shock.

ANNOUNCEMENT WAS MADE HERE THIS AFTERNOON BY S. LOEWITH & CO., AT WHOSE OFFICE NEARLY ALL THE BRIDGEPORTERS BOOKED PASSAGE, THAT THE CUNARD CO. HAS ADVISED THE LOCAL FIRM THAT ONLY ONE OF THAT GROUP IS KNOWN TO BE SAVED. HE IS JAMES H. BROOKS.

Sleepless, agonizing hours were passed last night in five Bridgeport homes by the families of men and women on board the liner Lusitania, which was sunk yesterday with a toll of more than 1,216 lives. This morning some were happy and some were sad.

The family and relatives of Isaac B. Trumbull, of 440 Mill Hill avenue, secretary and treasurer of the American Cyclecar Co., have heard nothing from him. It is feared he is lost.

Roule Anderson, whose wife and child were aboard the steamship, has failed to find an inkling of hope that his loved ones are alive.

### BRIDGEPORTERS REPORTED SAFE

Those Bridgeporters known to have been saved are: JAMES H. BROOKS, 199 Seeley Street, salesman. MRS. J. N. MACFARQUHAR, Johnson Avenue, Stratford. GRACE MACFARQUHAR, Johnson Avenue, Stratford.

FIVE ARE YET UNACCOUNTED FOR  
The following are not in the list of survivors and are unaccounted for:

ISAAC B. TRUMBULL.  
MRS. ROULE ANDERSON, 124 Wheeler Avenue.  
BARBARA ANDERSON, aged two, 124 Wheeler Avenue.  
JOHN THURSTON, Norfolk, England, and Bridgeport.  
JAMES HARRISON, machinist, Crane Valve Co.  
Nothing has been heard by Miss Sara Seccombe of 635 Warren street, of her brother, Percy and sisters, Elizabeth of Boston. Mrs. Seccombe's mother is near death from the shock at her home in New Hampshire. Her daughter left this morning to go to her bedside.

Noted Men Are Missing  
Survivors' lists received this morning do not bear the names of Alfred Vanderbilt, Charles Frohman and Mrs. Frohman, Elbert Hubbard, or Commander J. Foster Stackhouse. The fate of Vanderbilt, who is tremendously wealthy, is unknown.

Frohman, one of the greatest producers of plays in America; Elbert Hubbard, "Fra Elberta," editor of the "Philistine" and shepherd of the Roycrofters in East Aurora, and Commander Stackhouse, U. S. N., who was on his way to assist the Belgian Relief-commission, may be lost.

### MRS. MAC FARQUHAR AND DAUGHTER REPORTED TO BE SAFE IN IRELAND

Mrs. Jane N. MacFarquhar of Johnson avenue Stratford, and her 16 year old daughter, Grace, are safe on the shore of Ireland. To Mrs. MacFarquhar's pre-conceived plan to save herself and daughter in case of danger, they probably owe their safety.

Mrs. MacFarquhar and her daughter were on the way to Birkhead, in the southern part of Scotland, where they were going to visit Mrs. MacFarquhar's mother, Mrs. Grant,

who is dangerously ill. Mrs. Grant is alone and she needs someone to care for her and her estate, and the Stratford woman and her daughter combined a business with a health trip, and sailed on the Lusitania.

When she announced her intention of going to Europe friends strove to dissuade her. They pointed out the dangers of the trip and the hardships that might be inflicted upon her in

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### U. S. SEEKS REPORT ON LUSITANIA

State Department Orders  
Ambassador Gerard to  
Make Inquiries of German Government For  
Facts in Great Naval  
Disaster.

Washington, May 8—The United States government will today direct Ambassador Gerard to make inquiry of the German government for its report of the facts concerning the sinking of the Lusitania. This became known after conferences between high officials.

The Ambassador will be instructed to make his preliminary inquiry as a basis for whatever steps may eventually be taken. High officials privately said the situation was very grave.

"We are informing ourselves as rapidly as possible regarding the Lusitania matter," said Secretary Bryan today, "and we are doing what we can for those injured. We will get all the information that we can."

### MILLIONS IN BRIDGEPORT GOODS LOST

Millions of dollars worth of "Made in Bridgeport" products were lost with the sinking of the Lusitania. Ammunition, arms, guns, projectiles, automobiles, arrows and saddle-making machines, loaded the hold of the Lusitania. A large percentage of them, it is known, came from this city.

A continual stream of munitions is being sent from this city to New York to brokerage agents of the companies here. With thousands of dollars worth of war material leaving here every day and piling up awaiting the sailing of a steamship like the Lusitania, it is calculated that a tremendous amount must have been on board.

Bridgeport concerns won't lose anything by the sinking of their materials. The trucks, munitions and other goods are all shipped F. O. B. When the trucks are loaded and leave this city on the road to New York, the firm that manufactured them has nothing more to do with them. Once they were accepted, they were paid for and all losses are stood by the purchaser.

When the munitions reach the brokerage agents in New York from Bridgeport, the Bridgeport concerns are through with them. They have made their profits and won't stand any losses.

### TO CONSIDER JITNEYS

The ordinance committee of the common council will meet Wednesday evening. The proposed measure to regulate jitney buses will come before the meeting.

### WEATHER FORECAST

Generally fair tonight and Sunday; cooler Sunday night.