

# 1,200 DROWN WHEN LUSITANIA SINKS

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The powerful agents of destruction tore through the vessel's side, causing terrific explosions. Almost immediately great volumes of water poured through the openings and the Lusitania listed.

Boats, which were already swung out on the davits, were dropped overboard and speedily filled with passengers who had been appalled by the desperate attack. A wireless call for help was sent out, and immediately rescue boats of all kinds were sent out, both from the neighboring points along the coast and Queenstown.

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Where Great Britain's fastest merchant vessel went down—Old Head Kinsale—is a land that has brought joy to many travelers as it always stood as the sign from shore that the perils of the voyage across the Atlantic were at an end. The line, whose boat has been that it has never lost a passenger in the Atlantic service, has now lost the ship that dodged the lurking enemy off Nantucket light the day after war was declared and later startled the world by flying the Stars and Stripes.

When the passengers realized that the Lusitania was doomed they found that most of the boats on the port side were so jammed because of the great list of the vessel that they could not be lowered, and the last seen of them by the more fortunate passengers who had secured places in the starboard boats, or who had jumped overboard and had been picked up, they were lined on the sloping decks awaiting their fate, doubtless even then believing that with land so close they would still be saved.

However, the torpedoes had torn such gaping holes in the liner that she did not remain afloat for more than 20 minutes, and the calls for help which the wireless sent out, although answered quickly, could not bring the rescuing steamers in time to be of any service.

There is much difference of opinion as to how many torpedoes struck the ship and as to whether an explosion of her boilers followed. In fact, after the first torpedo hit the Lusitania forward the crew were busy getting to the stations, and the passengers who escaped in getting to the boats and providing themselves with lifeboats. In shipping circles and among many survivors the impression prevails that more than one German submarine attacked the Lusitania and that two or more torpedoes found their mark.

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## ACCOUNT BY CREW MEMBER

One of the most vivid accounts of the Lusitania disaster was given by John Davis, a member of the crew. He said:

"We had a splendid voyage, but as we were coming near the Irish coast, a sea fog sprang up and the engines were run down to half speed about 5 o'clock Friday morning when the ship was off Fastnet. Later the haze lifted somewhat and at about 5 o'clock in the afternoon the ship began to signal, but almost instantly afterwards there was a powerful, if rather dull, explosion. The torpedo had gone home and about 1,000 pounds of explosives had entered and exploded on our port side."

"I may mention here that the bunkers were divided into sections, numbers 1 to 4 being in the forward part of the ship, and of course, well below the water line. The torpedo entered the second section and owing to its frightful power divisions of the sections were torn aside and dust and coal hurled all through the adjacent sections."

"The vessel took a big list to starboard and Capt. Turner tried to swing her around so as to make land, but she filled too rapidly."

"No more of the sea for me. I have finished with it. My place is in the trenches to find and punish that race of hell hounds who are responsible for the most cruel, cowardly and dastardly outrage on record."

"We were ordered on deck and there we found the passengers already assembled. Many attempts were being made by the sailors to lower the starboard boats. These, owing to the great list, would naturally swing far out over the water while the port boats were useless owing to their falling towards toward the ship and the fact that they would have to slide down the steep side of the hull."

"I got into a boat which would hold about 50 and with William Colewell helped pick up several from the sea. My knowledge was that the boats were lowered which should hold about 50 each, but the one in which I was, when a census was taken had 64 survivors. Of these, 14 were children. Two children had been separated from their father who was lost, while the mother had three babies with her."

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# SERIOUS VIEW OF DISASTER IN U. S.

### PRESIDENT WILSON STUDIES SITUATION PREPARATORY TO ACTION BY GOVERNMENT.

### AWAITS PUBLIC SENTIMENT

Only Statement is That America Will Act With Deliberation and Firmness in Crisis—Official Data Has Not Arrived.

Washington.—Torpedoing of the British liner Lusitania, with scores of Americans aboard, shocked all Washington as had no incident since the outbreak of the European war.

The feeling was widespread that if any American lives had been lost the United States, in view of its strong warning to Germany, would be confronted with the necessity of taking protective steps to safeguard the lives of its citizens on the high seas.

President Wilson, upon whom the eyes of the world are focused at the present moment, studied in quiet seclusion the aspects of law and fact in connection with the sinking by a German torpedo of the British liner Lusitania with a consequent loss of many American lives.

The great human tragedy, coupled with the responsibilities of the hour, caused the president to deny himself to all callers, even to members of his official family, while he turned over in his mind the course to be pursued by the United States government in one of the most serious crises in its history.

The only glimpse of the workings of the president's mind was given when the White House issued its first formal comment on the disaster. The announcement was made that the president realized the country expected him to deal with the situation "with deliberation as well as firmness."

The official data upon which formal action will be based had not arrived May 9. The president therefore did not communicate with Secretary Bryan or officials of the State Department. Nor did he consult members of the cabinet or Congress. He has been giving such close personal attention in the last few weeks to the particular questions involved that he was thought to be determined first to sift for himself the various questions and shape a policy to be submitted to the cabinet.

In the meantime public opinion was expected to crystallize and help point the way. Members of the cabinet cancelled other engagements and held themselves in readiness for the president's call. At the State Department, when Secretary Bryan was asked if there was any advice to communicate to the American people at this time, he replied that he did not think that was needed, for the country understood the situation.

"This is no time to 'rock the boat,'" he said.

One important fact was definitely ascertained by the Washington government from the port authorities at New York who gave clearance to the Lusitania—that she carried no guns, either mounted or unmounted, in accordance with the caution of the State Department and British government early in the war. This disposed in the minds of officials of the claim that the German submarine had a right to attack the Lusitania because she was an auxiliary or converted cruiser. The officials of the Cunard Line are understood to have stated that the Lusitania was not convoyed.

Italy's Decision on Eve

Rome Waits Fervently as Threat of Neutrality Strains Before Snapping.

Paris.—The Temps has published a dispatch from its correspondent at Rome who says the impression prevails there that Italy is on the eve of a supreme decision. The negotiations with Austria clearly have reached a critical stage. In German circles there is great depression. Every one now is convinced that Italy will not recede and that Austria cannot satisfy her demands.

Rome, the correspondent continues, while at the other end of the Russian line, in Eastern Galicia, the Russians are attacking the Austro-Germans, despite their reported check in the western part of that province.

Athens credits the allies with further successes in their attacks on the Dardanelles and Smyrna, but the Turks again report the defeat of the allied troops on the Gallipoli Peninsula.

German submarines seemingly now are devoting their attention to the British fighting fleet.

War in Africa.

Ospetown.—The following official statement has been issued:

"Gen. Botha has occupied the important railway junction of Karibib and other stations (German Southwest Africa). He expects to occupy Kinduk very soon. Large quantities of rolling stock, including seven locomotives, were taken at Karibib."

"The town was occupied after a forced march of 35 miles over a waterless waste under conditions of heat, thirst and hunger which called for the greatest resolution and grit."

Murderer Gave Warning.

New York.—New York's child murderer sought by scores of detectives for slaying five-year-old Leonora Cohn, gave warning by letter recently that he would find a new victim, and within three days kept his word by murdering four-year-old Charlie Murray, found stabbed to death in a hallway near his home on First avenue.

The letter, it was said, was addressed to the mother of Leonora Cohn. It was received May 7, by Mrs. Cohn's uncle, Henry Eckert, who turned it over to the police.

## ORIENTAL CRISIS AVERTED

Believed That a Favorable Settlement of Jap-China Controversy Reached.

Washington.—Information from a high official source is that the far eastern crisis has been averted, and that a favorable settlement between Japan and China is in prospect. Secretary Bryan announced on May 6 that the United States had received the substance of the Japanese ultimatum to China, and that it contained important modifications by Japan. He declined to say whether the modifications were satisfactory to the American government.

China's reply to the Japanese note was delivered to the Japanese minister May 9.

The government expects no serious revolutionary outbreak from the people. The military leaders have assured Yuan Shi Kai that their support would continue.

There is good reason to believe that China is prepared to concede everything demanded by Japan, realizing that the situation is hopeless.

This possible outcome to the present tense situation is not generally comprehended in Peking consequently a number of foreign residents as well as Chinese themselves, are packing their personal belongings and otherwise preparing for eventualities.

## MANY INJURED IN WRECK

### Two Fatally Hurt When Iron Mountain Engine Crashes Into Passenger Train.

Earle, Ark.—A light engine, westbound, and the Hot Springs Special, eastbound, on the Iron Mountain railroad, collided at Grassy Lake May 5, four miles east of here. No one was killed, but several were seriously injured, two of whom may die.

The injured are: L. L. Page of Memphis, conductor on the light engine; right leg crushed and head badly bruised.

F. M. Ridgway, Hot Springs, express messenger; legs and head bruised.

W. L. Lloyd, Argenta, engineer on the special; badly scalded; may die.

Luther McDaniel, Forrest City, Ark., passenger on the special; both feet cut off and internally injured; may die.

O. W. Lamb of Denver, Col., representative of the Paragon Film Company.

Practically every person on the Hot Springs Special was shaken up and many received serious cuts and bruises.

The injured were brought here and given medical attention. Wrecking trains and physicians from Wynne and Memphis were soon on the scene and the work of rescue begun.

It is considered a miracle that more fatalities did not result, as the passenger train was traveling at a rapid rate of speed when, on rounding a curve, the light engine was seen too late to prevent disaster.

Emergency brakes were applied and members of both train crews jumped. The passenger train fortunately did not leave the track, but both engines were demolished.

## BIG STORM HITS SOUTH

### Killed and Injured Are Numbered by Score in Louisiana and Mississippi.

Jennings, La.—Fifteen persons were killed and more than a score were injured by a tornado here May 6 which passed through the western part of Arcadia Parish, in the southern portion of the state. Of the known dead, Adam Thibodeaux, killed by flying timbers on a farm near Mermentau, was the only white person to lose his life. The remainder were negroes.

Mississippi Storm Swept.

Clarksdale, Miss.—Probably a half dozen lives were lost and damage to property amounting high up into the thousands of dollars was caused by a cyclone which swept a path from a point eight miles east of here through to the vicinity of Jonestown, on the afternoon of May 6.

The greatest damage done in this locality was on three plantations owned by Messrs. King and Anderson of Clarksdale. Twelve tenant houses were destroyed and one negro killed on what is known as the Cannac place, eight miles east of here. Serious damage and probable loss of life was incurred on the Elkhorn and Pratt plantations, both owned by the Messrs. King and Anderson. Wires are down throughout Coahoma county, and details of the damage done are difficult to obtain.

Entering the county at Cannac place, the cyclone early in the afternoon swept through the community of Clover Hill, Rudyard and Coahoma. It is reported that 15 white people are seriously injured at the latter place and one negro killed.

On the George Maynard place near Jonestown two negroes are reported killed.

Estimates of property loss are hard to obtain, but fields of growing crops were swept bare and heavy losses sustained throughout the entire section surrounding this place.

Snow and Frost in Texas.

Kansas City.—Snow fell in the Texas Pan-Handle, Northwest Kansas and at Denver, Colo. during the storm on May 6, according to reports to the local weather bureau. Killing frosts prevailed over Nebraska, the Dakotas,

# SUCCESS CLAIMED BY BOTH SIDES

### VIENNA REPORT SAYS THAT RUSSIANS ARE STILL IN FULL RETREAT.

### PETROGRAD VIEW DIFFERS

Paris, Announces That Line of German Trenches Over Four Miles Long Has Been Captured in the West.

London.—In the fighting along the battle lines in Belgium and France and in Russia and in the Carpathians both the triple entente and Teutonic allies claim successes. None, however, except possibly Austria and Germany, records successes on a great scale. Even the statements of the Teutonic allies are reiterations of the reports of several days past that the Russians continue to be pressed back in Galicia and the Carpathians and that Hungary is free of enemy forces.

Petrograd does not deny the Teuton claims, but declares the Russians are fighting back hard at certain points and that the attacks of the Teutons are becoming less frequent.

In the west, Berlin declares the Germans have driven the allies out of strongly fortified positions near Ypres and that they have captured several villages in Flanders. Sir John French, the British commander-in-chief, however, says all Germany's attacks have been repulsed.

A repulse of the Germans near Nieuport, the capture of lines of trenches over a front of 4-1/2 miles near Canency and the taking of a front 1-1/2 miles wide farther east are chronicled by Paris.

## GREATEST EFFORT OF WAR

### Germany and Austrians Make a Supreme Attempt to Smash Russian Lines on East.

London.—The Germans in concert with their Australian allies are putting forth an effort the extent of which never has been approached in the history of the war.

Throughout virtually the whole length of the eastern front they are engaged with the Russians, while in the west in addition to their attacks around Ypres they are on the offensive at many points.

At other points they are being attacked by the French, British and Belgians.

In all the Germans claim to have taken 40,000 Russian prisoners since the offensive was undertaken last Saturday night.

The Austrians put the number at more than 50,000 and express the belief that the whole Russian third army will be destroyed.

## ITALIANS ARE MOBILIZING

### Troops of All Infantry Classes From 1876 Are Called to the Colors.

London.—The Copenhagen correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph says:

"A private message from Berlin states that Italy on Saturday called to the colors all infantry classes from 1876 and that many trains loaded with troops are proceeding to the front."

Italy is Indignant.

Rome.—The sinking of the Lusitania has caused a profound impression in Italy.

Anxiety is increased by the fact that there were several Italians among the passengers.

The feeling in Rome may be described as one of indignation at the killing of neutrals. Measures to end such proceedings are being urged on all sides.

## Involves U. S., Says England.

London.—"I think the Lusitania has been torpedoed deliberately for the purpose of making the United States declare war," said Lord Charles Beresford. "I foretold the whole present situation in February, and gave my reasons for thinking Germany meant to bring America into the war."

## Congressmen to Return.

Honolulu, T. H.—In view of the grave situation caused by the torpedoing of the Lusitania and the possibility of an extra session of congress, the congressional party touring the Hawaiian Islands, discussed a plan to secure the cruiser Maryland for a rest trip to San Francisco.

## JAPS WARNED TO LEAVE

Telegrams Received Foreshadow Hostilities and Ultimatum is Expected at Once.

Peking.—The Japanese legation here has notified all Japanese to prepare to leave at once. Telegrams are pouring in foreshadowing hostilities. An ultimatum by Japan is expected May 6 by the latest. A Chinese surrender is out of the question, as the revolutionaries would rise immediately, thus precipitating the fall of Yuan Shi Kai's government.

# AFTER SUFFERING TWO LONG YEARS

### Mrs. Asolin Was Restored to Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

Minneapolis, Minn.—"After my little son was born I was sick with pains in my sides which the doctors said were caused by inflammation. I suffered a great deal every month and grew very thin. I was under the doctor's care for two long years without any benefit. Finally, after repeated suggestions to try it we got Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. After taking the third bottle of the Compound I was able to do my housework and today I am strong and healthy again. I will answer letters if anyone wishes to know about my case."—Mrs. JOSEPH ASOLIN, 906 Fourth Avenue, Minneapolis, Minn.



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Optimism and Pessimism. "Do you see that cheerful chap over there just lighting a cigar?" "Oh, yes."

"Well, he's a six-months man, while the sour-looking individual talking to him is a two-year man."

"What do you mean by those terms?" "One thinks the war will end in six months and the other thinks it will last at least two years longer."

The Watts Varieties. Alfred Watts, the young futurist poet, was lunching with his publisher at a Broadway restaurant recently, and while waiting for his bill he amused himself by matching quarters with his host. After several dollars had changed hands, the publisher looked through the window at one of those entertaining little Detroitables standing at the curb, and said, facetiously:

"I'll match you for that car, Alfred." Mr. Watts tossed back his much-photographed golden mane and remarked, with this characteristic drawl, "Aw, don't be a piker! I'll match you for two dollars."

Somehow a man who doesn't know right from wrong nearly always does wrong.

When a reformer gets into office he is generally content with a few alterations of things.

## FIND OUT

The Kind of Food that Will Keep You Well.

The true way is to find out what is best to eat and drink, and then cultivate a taste for those things instead of poisoning ourselves with improper, indigestible food, etc.

A conservative Mass. woman writes: "I have used Grape-Nuts 5 years for the young and for the aged; in sickness and in health; at first following directions carefully, later in a variety of ways as my taste and judgment suggested."