

LUSITANIA IS TORPEDOED

CHINA BOWS TO JAPANESE DEMANDS; WAR AVERTED

Torpedo Hits Giant Liner; Hoped Most of Human Load is Saved

Liverpool, May 7.—The giant Cunard liner Lusitania, which left New York with a heavy passenger list of American citizens a few days ago, was torpedoed at 2 p. m., and sunk off the Irish coast this afternoon a half hour later. No loss of life was reported with the first news. Small boats of every description were rushed from Queenstown to Old Head, off Kinsale, off which the big liner was torpedoed. Unconfirmed reports say the Lusitania was first beached. The first reports of the Lusitania being in trouble was picked up by wireless at Lands End. This report said the steamer had a decided list and aid was urgently needed. Later Queenstown picked up appeals for aid, and port authorities rushed everything possible to assist the steamer.

The vessel was torpedoed at 2:33 this afternoon, one report says. At the point of attack the liner's course was normally in sight of land.

New York, May 7.—A number of prominent Americans were aboard the Lusitania. This afternoon the offices of the Cunard liner was crowded with people attracted by the news. Early in the afternoon there was no excitement but it was evident that the subsequent bulletins made the situation more serious and the air became intense with anxiety.

The boat carried 1400 passengers. Most of these of American prominence had been warned to keep off the Lusitania when she sailed from New York a few days ago. Ads were published by the German embassy that morning in New York papers urging Americans to keep away from the ship.

Elbert Hubbard, the famous author and editor, Charles Frohman and Alfred Gwynn Vanderbilt were among those on board. They went aboard with full understanding that something was likely to happen to the ship.

Liverpool, May 7.—A number of boats were on the scene early and immediately began the work of taking off the passengers. It is understood the Lusitania's own boats had been used to care for the passengers. On all recent trips the boats swung overside with covers removed, ready for any eventuality, and it is possible that this precaution proved the salvation of the passengers.

BRYAN DINING WHEN ADVISED

DEPARTMENT UPSET BY NEWS OF THE DISASTER.

Believed That the Lusitania and Falaba Incidents Identical.

Washington, May 7.—Secretary of State Bryan was at luncheon when the news of the torpedoing of the Lusitania reached him. He hurried to the state department, but at 2:15 no official information had been received. The department was much upset. Efforts were made to establish communication with the consular representatives at the points nearest the disaster.

At the state department later in the day it was said the Lusitania and the Falaba disasters fell in the same category and undoubtedly will be handled along precisely the same lines, insofar as the American official interest in the matter is concerned.

G. W. Hyatt Re-elected Mayor.

Enterprise, May 6.—With a total of 228 votes cast at the Enterprise city election on Tuesday, G. W. Hyatt was re-elected mayor, and Daniel Boyd, G. M. Gaily and G. P. Cheney were elected councilmen. W. F. Savage was re-elected recorder; A. Page, treasurer, and T. M. Dill, attorney. Thus the only change from the present city government is in the council.

The votes for the various candidates follow:

For mayor—G. W. Hyatt, 134; A. C. Miller, 71.

For councilmen—C. W. Amey, 109; Daniel Boyd, 144; M. K. Bue, 92; G. P. Cheney, 133; G. M. Gaily, 125; G. I. Ratcliff, 55.

For recorder—W. F. Savage, 189.

For treasurer—A. M. Pace, 187.

For attorney—A. S. Cooley, 84; T. M. Dill, 135.

Two of the present councilmen hold over, W. R. Holmes and J. A. Funk. They, with the newly elected men, will form the council for the year beginning June 1.

Mr. Miller, who received 71 votes for mayor, did not have his name on the ballot, and he was not a candidate. He was supporting Mr. Hyatt and, when asked to run, refused to give his consent. However his name was written in by many voters over his protest.

Liverpool, May 7.—An ominous hint that there was serious loss of life on the Lusitania came from the Cunard offices late tonight. The report said: "We have hopes many were saved." This is interpreted to mean the line knew that there was some loss of life.

New York, May 7.—The Cunard liner company late this afternoon made public the following message from Liverpool: "Majority of rescue vessels now apparently making for Queenstown."

Washington, May 7.—The state department received a dispatch from Ambassador Hines at London, confirming the loss. It said the Lusitania was torpedoed off the Irish coast and sank a half hour later.

London, May 7.—Shortly before 8 o'clock the Cunard company issued a formal statement saying the ship was torpedoed without the slightest warning, and sunk within a few minutes. The bulletin said the company was not yet fully informed regarding the welfare of the passengers.

It is reasonable to suppose that the loss of life on the Lusitania was material, and there is reason to believe that the Cunard liner people are withholding early rumors of actual losses, especially among the steerage passengers. In order to avoid overshooting the mark, it has been the custom under similar circumstances, to withhold reported facts until reliably corroborated. In the event that any appreciable number of passengers were drowned, and the information is obtainable before 8:30 tonight, bulletins conveying the news will be posted down town this evening.

Discover New Breakfast Food.

Fort Collins, Colo., May 7.—A new breakfast food may be born if plans announced today by local capitalists materialize. Emmer is the name of a new kind of hardy grain, much like wheat, and the Emmer Products Company has been organized to make a breakfast food out of it. It is being raised in large quantities in this district.

Texas Doctors' Convention.

Galveston, Texas, May 7.—All the inside dope on how to be well through osteopathy, instead of the old-fashioned methods, was slated for discussion at the state osteopaths' convention here today.

Panama Fair Athletic Meet.

San Francisco, May 7.—Track teams from all the leading Pacific coast colleges hold their track and field meet of the championship at the fair grounds here today.

TOTAL LOAD IS GIVEN AS 1900

ILL-FATED STEAMER HAD A SPECIAL LOAD.

New York Passengers Number 1253, Special 163, and Rest of the Crew.

New York, May 7.—The Lusitania was one of the largest and fastest boats afloat. She carried 1900 people which included the passenger list which sailed from New York, 163 passengers transferred to her from the Anchor liner Cameronia, and the balance of the 1900 was the crew. Later reports from the Cunard office said she had 1253 passengers when she sailed. In any event the total number of human beings aboard her was about 1900.

Early Sinking Rumored.

Reports indicate that the Lusitania was struck early in the afternoon and didn't sink until a half hour later which would give all aboard considerable time to get aboard the small boats. Every available assistance was sent to her from shore which was comparatively near, and there was no general belief here this afternoon that the death toll will be at all big.

Dispatches from London set forth that the first word heard there of the Lusitania was when the following message was received: "Come at once, big list, position 10 miles west Kinsale."

Suffrage Campaign Posters Exhibited.

New York, May 7.—At the Society Beaux Arts Architects today the exhibition of the poster designs submitted to the Empire State Campaign Committee opens today. These exhibits were submitted by poster artists and pupils in many cities, some as far north as Portland, Maine, and not a few from cities and towns as far south as Washington, D. C.

The one selected by the Art Committee, designed by Reuben R. Purcell, 51 Quincy street, Brooklyn will be used for advertising purposes in the campaign this fall and is considered by the suffrage leaders the most persuasive appeal yet devised to induce men voters to give them the right to vote.

A cash prize of fifty dollars was awarded Mr. Purcell and Miss Nathalie Matson, 72 Brooklyn avenue, Brooklyn and Miss Adelaide Everson, 1230 Amsterdam avenue, New York were each given \$10 prizes. The posters are all in suffrage yellow, and some are decorated with black and white matter.

NO DEPOT NOW IS EDICT GIVEN BY O-W CHIEF

MONETARY CONDITIONS FOR BID FINANCING AT THIS TIME IS STATEMENT.

RUMORS OF ROTTEN FOUNDATIONS CURRENT

Although Budgets Call for Expenditure, Money Has Not Been Available—Old Building Reported Yesterday to Be Standing on Rotted Sills—No Promises Made for Future.

Declaring with emphasis that there is no money to be had with which to build new depots and make needed improvements at this time, J. P. O'Brien, vice president and general manager of the O. W., this morning informed La Grande through the Commercial club that repairs to the present depot will proceed and that in time La Grande will get a new depot; when, it is not known.

Sees President Only.

J. G. Snodgrass, president of the Commercial club, was the man whom the situation was given. Instead of meeting a delegation of business men, Mr. O'Brien suggested the president alone discuss the situation with him. The conference was prompted by a message sent by the Commercial club yesterday to the company officials protesting the repair to the depot which means it is feared several years will elapse before a new depot is constructed. Mr. O'Brien went in to the money situation in detail saying that his company was as anxious to make improvements as La Grande people were to have them made, but he pointed out that recent budgets have provided \$50,000 for enlargement of the shops here but that the money could not be acquired with which to do the work. Monetary conditions prevent it, and the gross earnings of the company have fallen off tremendously he said. "Were I a businessman in La Grande I would prefer the expenditures on the shops to a new depot," Mr. O'Brien said. "Added facilities there mean bigger payrolls."

He regretted, he said, that conditions were not propitious for construction of the new depot. He could make no promises as to when it would be built.

One thing that prompted the Commercial club to bring its protest yesterday was the widely circulated rumor that when the floor of the building was torn up for repairs, it was found the sills were crumbled and that the studdings were rotted off under the floor in some instances. New sills are said to have been required to repair the foundation. It is reported that under the floor, when uncovered, there was nothing left of sills in some instances and that the studdings could be picked to pieces with the fingers. This is said to have been the condition that prompted the report yesterday that, and in view of the condition of the present building, the company might be prevailed upon to build a new one instead of making the repairs to the old.

Editors to Discuss War News.

Guthrie, Okla., May 7.—One of the chief topics for discussion at the Oklahoma Press association convention, which opens here today, will be how to conduct a country newspaper in war time. All types of opinions are represented in the five hundred newspaper delegates gathered here and the biggest question before the convention will be how to print all the war news and still keep within President Wilson's definition of neutrality.

With the press agents of all the European belligerents doing their utmost to get their most favorable side of the present conflict before the American public, editors find it a difficult and exacting proposition to separate the chaff from the wheat.

But all the discussion will not be confined to war topics. A paper on the value of a lino type in a country newspaper office and an address on "Some Liars I Have Known" are on the program.

Slag Charges Investigated by I. C. C. Washington, D. C., May 7.—The Interstate Commerce Commission at its hearing today is considering the announced plan of the railroads to make charges for the hauling of slag from furnaces in eastern Ohio, western Pennsylvania and West Virginia.

ORIENTAL WAR AVERTED WHEN CRISIS COMES

NEW NOTE FORMULATED BY PRESIDENT YUAN AFTER ALL-NIGHT SESSION.

MERE DETAILS ALONE REMAIN UNSOLVED NOW

Crisis in Far East Happily Settled When China Sends New Note Granting, in Chief, Japanese Demands Upon Her—Note not Made Public this Morning but Peace Seems Sure.

Tokio, May 7.—Peace between Japan and China was insured today when the Tokio government withdrew from its list of 24 demands, the famous "Fifth group." These have been obnoxious from the start to Chinese and threatened to plunge the nations into war. All other concessions sought by Japan are to be granted in effect, it is understood.

London, May 7.—Dispatches received from Peking declare China has yielded to practically all the demands made by Japan and that only details remain to be worked out. The dispatches declare the action of China surely will prevent war.

New Note Submitted.

Peking, May 7.—China has submitted a new note to Japan which is expected to avert serious crisis in negotiations growing out of Tokio's demands upon Peking. The text of the latest communication isn't known but officials declare that in effect it concedes, under protest, the chief Japanese demands.

The note was handed to Japanese Minister Ekio Kioki today, and was forwarded to Tokio. The new reply is declared to have been framed after an all-night conference between President Yuan and his diplomatic advisers.

ORATORS WILL COMPETE TOO

THREE CITIES HAVE SENT IN CONTESTANTS.

Peace and Neutrality to Be Themes—Public Invited.

Three contestants have been entered in the oratorical contest to be held in La Grande tomorrow night, commencing at 7:30 at the high school auditorium. Following the orations, distribution and awards of trophies won on the track, and on the forum, will take place from the rostrum. It is possible that other orators will be entered tomorrow, but at present these are:

Baker—John L. Cox, oration theme, "Peace."

Pendleton—Earnest Crockett, oration theme, "What is Neutrality."

Athens—Louis Stewart, oration theme, "Militarism."

Admission to this contest will be free.

TODAY'S ODDEST STORY.

Oakland, Calif., May 7.—If all wives were as well developed as Jess Willard, there would be no need of courts to punish deserting husbands, William J. Hennessy, city prosecutor, who handles all desertion cases, declared today. From his observations, he said, it is only the "doll" women who are given the shake. "When the woman has muscles which are, in the words of Longfellow, 'strong as iron bands,' hubby stands in whole some fear of the flying flat iron and drops his pay envelope unopened in wife's apron every Saturday night."

Hennessy also opines that children are a guarantee of marital permanence, that poverty causes most desertions, that Italians seldom leave their wives, while Americans frequently do.

EASTERN HALF OF STATE PUTS BEST IN MEET

NINETY-ONE TRAINED BOYS TO PERFORM AT TRACK AND FIELD MEET

REPORTS SHOW ALL IN FINE FETTER FOR RACE

First Gun to Sound at 2:00 on the Dot—Entries in and places Awarded on the Course—Splendid Weather Expected and Track in the Best of Condition—Big Crowds Due.

Eastern Oregon's most nimble youth will congregate in La Grande tomorrow to pit muscle, brawn, brain and agility in what promises to be the greatest classic of track and field games Eastern Oregon has ever seen. The cream of youth in a dozen counties is groomed and trained for the test of skill and reports all indicate that not only La Grande's but the jurisdiction's athletes are in the finest of fettle for the match. Ninety-one clean-skinned, pink and lithe pairs of legs will be paraded for speed, strength and skill. After the track and field games are over, the same jurisdiction will send representatives to the forum and there match wits and oratorical skill.

Weather gods have been extremely kind these days and it is predicted that they will beam their satisfaction on the Eastern Oregon interscholastic track meet in this city tomorrow. The last entries came in last night, and some of the schools withdrew their lists at the last moment, leaving 91 athletes to participate in the Eastern Oregon classic. The climatic conditions have made the track the best possible and today the boys of the local student body are accurately measuring with civil engineer instructions, the whole course and pegging off the various hurdle spots with the result that any records that may be set tomorrow will be absolutely correct. It is to protect such records as may be made that Athletic Director Reynolds has left the measuring of distances to an engineer and the work was done under the direction of L. D. Howland. The numbers have been assigned the respective candidates and these will be used to call the men to the scratch in the order given.

Monster Crowd Anticipated. With such delegations as are expected to arrive from all points in the jurisdiction, to augment the home crowd, it is anticipated that the meet tomorrow will be one of the best attended in history. Baker and Pendleton are sending great delegations, and Baker's school band of 28 pieces is to participate.

Practically every athlete will arrive tonight, from the West on No. 18 and from Baker on the fast mail. The Baker special train will arrive tomorrow and the Pendleton and western rosters from Umatilla county will come tomorrow at noon. Tonight's train from the North brings in both rosters and athletes from Walla Walla county. This gives all contestants tomorrow forenoon in La Grande.

Opens at 2:30

The meet will move off like clock work and when the clock strikes 2:30 tomorrow Archie Hahn, Whitman athletic director, will call the men to the hundred-yard stretch for the first gun in the meet.

The complete list of entries, with the numbers drawn by lot shown, and the entries in each event, follow:

ENTRIES.

ATHENA—	
1. Stewart	2. Tompkins
BAKER—	
3. Francis	12. Waltz
4. Harding	13. Williams
5. Langrell	14. Keown
6. Gorman	15. Keown
7. Landreth	16. Weeks
8. Payton	17. Swift
9. Torgler	18. Sheppard
10. Gardner, L.	19. Winkler
11. Ward	20. Gardner, W.

ENTERPRISE—	
21. Burleigh	24. Funk
22. Ault	25. Downs
23. French	

HERMISTON—	
26. Prindle	28. Todd
27. Waterman	29. Gunn

LA GRANDE—	
30. Huff	39. Carroll
31. Conkey	40. Bradley

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