

LUSITANIA HORROR APPALLING

FUMES WORST CAUSE OF THE COSTLY DELAY

SURVIVORS TELL OF STAGGERING THROUGH FUMES TO LIFE BOATS.

SECOND TORPEDO ENDED TRAGEDY IN SHORT TIME

Steel Splinters Flew High in the Air When First Torpedo Struck With- out Warning According to Survivors—Survivors Arriving in Ports Greatly Exhausted and Many Fatally Hurt.

Queenstown, May 8.—According to stories of survivors, the Lusitania was torpedoed without warning. The first torpedo exploded in the stokehole and splintered steel flew high in the air as the great boat shook from stem to stern from the shock. The second explosion followed immediately. This torpedo completed the tragedy. Fumes from the explosion permeated every section of the smashed steamer.

Passengers Stagger About. Many passengers fell on the deck unconscious. Others staggered about blindly not knowing what to do and in this way valuable minutes were lost in which many might have been saved. Those who escaped were largely those who did not come in contact with the deadly fumes. Swaying and staggering some of the passengers blindly made their way to where the lifeboats were being lowered. Within a few minutes after she was struck the Lusitania listed rapidly and sank between 12 and 15 minutes after she was struck.

Steward Describes Attack. Queenstown, May 8.—The steamer Stormcock returned here last night, bringing about 150 Lusitania survivors, principally passengers, among whom were many women, several of the crew and one steward. Describing the Lusitania's experience, the steward said:

"The passengers were at lunch, when a submarine came up and fired two torpedoes which struck the Lusitania on the starboard side, one forward and the other in the engine room. They caused terrific explosions.

"Captain Turner immediately ordered the boats out. The ship began listing badly immediately. Ten boats were launched, between four and five hundred passengers entering them. My boat and three others were picked up shortly before 4 o'clock by the Stormcock. I fear few officers were saved. They acted bravely. It was only 15 minutes from the time the ship was struck until she foundered, going down bow foremost. It was a dreadful sight."

Couldn't Lower Boats. Dublin, May 8.—The motorboat Elizabeth reports that at 3:30 yesterday afternoon she picked up two lifeboats containing 63 and 16 survivors of the Lusitania, respectively. A Cork tug took the rescued to Queenstown. They were mostly women and children. Passengers said the Lusitania could not lower many boats owing to her list to port.

Many Die of Injuries. London, May 8.—A Central News dispatch says the number of passengers who died of injuries while being taken to Queenstown will reach 110.

Many Survivors Hurt. London, May 8.—Forty-five additional survivors who landed here, were saved from a drifting boat. They suffered intensely from exhaustion. Some were hurt.

Queenstown, May 8.—Bodies of 148 victims are in the morgue tonight.

Steward's Are Accused.

Queenstown, May 8.—Dire charges that many passengers on the Lusitania were persuaded to keep out of lifeboats and return to the liner—and their grave—by stewards, who ran along side the vessel crying "She's alright, she won't sink," is made by R. J. Timmins, of Gainesville, Texas.

SURVIVOR TELLS OF TRAGEDY

Torpedo Seen Before It Struck Ship—Another Followed.

Queenstown, May 8.—(Special).—How women, maddened with fear, were assisted into lifeboats; how innocent men, women and children were drawn to death by the fearful underdrag created when the Lusitania sank, while harrowing, pitiful cries of terror swept over the waters during the

POLITICAL UPHEAVAL IN ENGLAND RESULT OF THE LUSITANIA CATASTROPHE

London, May 8.—Only 703 passengers and members of the crew of the Lusitania have been saved, and 1346 have probably perished, when a torpedo, now unequivocally spoken of as German, struck the giant liner yesterday afternoon, according to reports received by the admiralty at 2:15 this afternoon (Saturday). At that hour the admiralty had received no further reports of rescues, since the dispatch from Queenstown announcing 45 additional survivors had landed during the morning. This brought the number of persons known to be saved to 703, which figure the admiralty regarded as approximately right. A few may yet land.

It is evident that the striking of the great liner has brought a political crisis in England. Already it is certain the government will be swamped with pointed inquiries when parliament reconvenes Monday. Many members favor reprisals against Germany of great violence.

Great criticism is aimed at the admiralty for failure to provide the Lusitania with an escort of destroyers, in view of the fact anonymous warnings were given that the liner would be attacked.

FROHMAN BODY FOUND IN SEA

NOTED THEATRICAL WIZARD AMONG DEAD.

Report from Queenstown Says Body Has Been Picked Up.

Liverpool, May 8.—The body of Charles Frohman, the noted American theatrical man, was found near where the Lusitania sank, a cablegram from Queenstown has announced.

A search was kept up all day for the notables, among them Elbert Hubbard, the author, and Alfred G. Vanderbilt. These were not located either dead or alive at a late hour in the day.

Vanderbilt's and Hubbard's friends have abandoned hope of finding them.

Washington, May 8.—No names of American survivors have been received since this morning when 52 Americans were reported rescued. The state department admitted it was likely others are dead. The department figures showed 184 Americans were aboard.

last moments of the torpedoed Cunard liner, was told by Ellason Myers, of Stratford, Ontario, who is a survivor. Myers was en route to enter the British navy as a cadet.

"I had just gone to the upper deck with two friends, for a game of quoits," said Myers, "when a passenger looked over the side, and immediately cried out in alarm, 'There is a torpedo coming right at us,' he shouted.

"We watched the torpedo speeding toward our ship until it struck. There was a terrific explosion.

"We rushed to the boat deck just as a huge quantity of splinters and debris, along with masses of water, fell around us.

"Four minutes later the second torpedo struck.

"It simply shattered the hull. The first torpedo was enough to have sunk the vessel, but the second completed the destruction.

"Many women were panic stricken. I met one entirely crazed by fear. I tried to calm her and help her to a boat. When I saw another boat nearly swamped I jumped aboard one of the boats and others followed me.

"We pulled for all we were worth and when we were about 200 yards away the Lusitania sank."

"The shrieks of the unfortunate ones who were drawn down by the suction were appalling. We had pulled hard in order to get away and not be pulled under ourselves. In the meantime, we saved as many as we could and our boat was crowded to its capacity.

Sank Like a Stone.

"The ship simply sank like a stone at the finish, the bottom being literally torn out by the explosion. Although many passengers in the lifeboats were almost safe, they were drawn down in the suction and lost, but all struggled to the very last to save themselves.

"Men, women and children went to their death with hands uplifted and with cries of supplication or fear upon their lips.

"Mothers, with babies clasped in their arms, cold in death, were found as a fishing fleet which finally rescued us. They had been unable to get aboard the lifeboats in time, and although equipped with life preservers, had been drawn beneath the surface by the deadly underdrag."

Meet Bulletins

Glen Conkey, of La Grande, won the 100-yard dash; Hursted, Ontario, second; Gorman, Baker, third. Time, 11 3-5.

A heavy wind is blowing squarely against the runners in the sprints. Danger of rain is less serious than the wind.

The attendance half fills the grandstand, which means that 1000 are present.

Russian Recruits in America

Lincoln, Neb., May 8.—The Russian Government plans to call upon its army reserves now in the United States according to a dispatch printed in a Russian paper received by Felix Newton, one of the leaders in the Russian colony in Lincoln. The paper which has a large circulation among the Russians in this country, states that there are 100,000 reserves of the Russian army in the United States. Mr. Newton estimates that 3,000 of this number live in Lincoln.

He does not look for a very eager response to the Russian government's call. Many of the Russians have taken out naturalization papers and now own or are purchasing homes of their own. They are well satisfied with conditions here and are not likely to risk their chances for happiness and prosperity simply to go back and fight in the Russian army.

No Swearing Allowed

St. Paul, Minn., May 8.—"Don't cuss is the purport of a resolution on the official records of the state of Minnesota today. The recent legislation put it there. The protest, which was "kindly, gently, but firmly made, is against the use of profane vulgar or insulting language in the legislative chambers.

Baker's Band Pleases All.

One of the strong features of the meet today is the Baker Student's band which is here furnishing music for the gala occasion. While many of the players are mere youngsters they handle themselves with the skill of old players, and the spirit of Louis Freitag, the veteran bandmaster of Baker, has impressed itself upon the youngsters as well as the older musicians of the neighboring city.

TRACK MEET CROWDS SWARM INTO CITY TO WITNESS CLASSIC TEST OF SKILL AND STRENGTH

Hundreds of people, with various pennants and banners and ribbons wafted by the gentle breezes, swarmed into La Grande last night and this morning for the 16th annual interscholastic track and field meet and oratorical contest which are on the schedule of sports today. Ideal weather conditions presaged new records, for the track is exceptionally fast.

One of the features of the visiting crowd was the Baker delegation, headed by a splendid student body band of about 30 pieces, which freely enlivened the college-tuned city with its music. The band is a credit to Baker.

WASHINGTON ASKS BERLIN TO EXPLAIN

PUTS QUESTION ON ASSUMPTION GERMAN SUBMARINE COMMANDER DID WORK.

SPECIAL SESSION OF CONGRESS RUMORED

Cablegram Sent to Germany, Asking for Explanation of the Details—Congress May Be Called, But There Is No Verification of the Report at Washington—White House Reticent.

Washington, May 8.—The state department has cabled Berlin, asking Germany to make a report to the United States of the sinking of the Lusitania. The request desires the report to be based upon statements of the commander of the submarine which attacked the liner, assuming the Lusitania was sunk in this manner. In effect, the United States asks the Kaiser to explain if he is responsible for the sinking of the Lusitania.

Special Session Rumored.

Washington, May 8.—Owing to the sinking of the Lusitania Secretary of War Garrison has abandoned his contemplated trip of inspection saying he did not want to be absent when such "interesting" things were happening. He was to have left tonight. At the state department and the whitehouse officials are reticent. Stories of an extra session of congress may be called, is entirely lacking of confirmation.

SAVANT STUDY BOY

La Grande Youth Subject of Study by Eastern Surgeons.

The operation performed at Chicago several months ago by an eminent surgeon of Chicago, upon Earl Blockland, a 17-year-old boy of Island City, is subject matter for considerable discussion among the leading society of surgeons in Chicago. Surgical journals give considerable attention in recent issues, to the operation, and the professional phases have been discussed at sessions of surgeons in Chicago, the periodical states. A bone growth on the arm was the cause of the trip to Chicago by Mr. Blockland and his son, accompanied by a local physician.

FOURTH SPEAKER ADDED

Wallowa Entry Overlooked but Will Be Heard This Evening.

Wallowa high school accidentally overlooked entering its contestant in the Eastern Oregon scholastic oratorical contest tonight, but Frances McKenzie will nevertheless participate. Her theme will be "Our Responsibility." Other speakers will be: 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.

The judges will be named later in the day; the admission will be free. Distribution of the medals won this afternoon on the track is part of the program this evening.

Local Lady Cut Horribly With Ax By a Stranger

Mrs. J. W. Moon is Unmercifully Cut and Gashed at the Back Door of Her Home In Connordale Early This Morning

UNCONSCIOUS, BLOODY BODY DRAGGED TO ROOM

Mrs. J. W. Moon, a young woman, wife of a prominent baker of this city, was horribly mutilated and chopped with an axe in the hands of a person, as yet unknown, at some hour this morning between 1 o'clock and daylight. She was struck down and her head chopped with an axe while she lay on the ground just beside the end of the back porch at the Moon home on Tenth and M streets.

She still lives at 8 o'clock this afternoon.

Although one suspect was arrested today, there is little against him, and the police may have a terrible time finding out the cause, for the assassin left no trace whatever except a jumbled lot of footprints in soft earth that have been badly mused up before the police arrived. Mrs. Moon was taken to the hospital, where she lies this afternoon between death and life.

Three wounds out of the rain of blows that fell on her head, are particularly bad, and of these three, on the left side of the head just above the ear, the middle one is the worst. At this point fracture of the outer table, is indicated but so far as can be learned, this wound is not sufficient to cause death. There are some indications of fracture of the base, a very serious condition, if true.

Doctors Underwood would not predict today what the woman's wounds might do, except to say that her condition is extremely grave. Developments might occur at any moment.

A man named Hume was arrested just before noon by the sheriff's office because he appeared at the Crawford rooming house countless, and saying he had burned his.

That so bloody a crime could have been committed and the body dragged as it was by the assassin without leaving telltale evidence on some suit of clothes is impossible, and when the bloodstained suit is found the murderous assaulter will have been largely rounded up. Byways and highways are being carefully searched and every person of suspicious face is being closely interrogated.

During the forenoon conjecture only guided analysis of the assault. So far as can be learned until Mrs. Moon is able to explain it, she had heard a disturbance at the back door and went to investigate. She was in her night robe.

Carried Into House.

The blows were rained upon the woman while she lay on the ground, just off a quite high porch. When the beast had vented his spleen with the axe, and probably some other weapon, he lifted the unconscious body up to the porch and dragged her into the kitchen, through a short hallway and threw her on a bed. A trail of blood 11 inches wide marks every inch of the way from the porch to the bed. At one point a larger spot indicates he had halted in the kitchen with his ghastly load, undecided where to place the body, then swung at right angles and pulled her to the bed.

Examination revealed no evidence of sexual brutality.

Neighbors Discover It.

Lena Mahoney had been sent to the Moon home from a nearby residence on an errand, but returned to her mother, saying Mrs. Moon wasn't up yet. This led to the investigation and discovery of the horribly mutilated body.

She was blood from head to feet. Her feet were crimson, but there are apparently no bruises of consequence anywhere except on her head. Doctors were hastily summoned, and by noon she had been washed and the wounds dressed.

During the morning she complained of her throat, further indicating that she had been choked. She knows nothing of what occurred, and what few words she speaks are rather incoherent. This was especially true while her wounds were being dressed. Her left eye is a blotch, but she sees perfectly with the right.

Mr. Moon had gone to work at 1 o'clock this morning. He is of the opinion that the attack happened about daylight, or a little before. The Moon family had an advertising scheme on

Supreme Judge Here.

Judge Eakin in La Grande to Spend Week-end with His Son.

Judge Robert Eakin, a member of the supreme bench, who with the balance of the court, has been holding the May term at Pendleton, arrived last evening to spend the week-end with his son, Robert Eakin, Jr. The session at Pendleton was a little longer than was expected. Judge Eakin is taking advantage of his visit to the city to visit with former neighbors in La Grande, where he still casts his vote.

Washington Horse Show Opens.

Washington, D. C., May 8.—Stable room has been reserved for ten of Alfred Vanderbilt's thoroughbred horses, which are here to take part in the Washington Show, which opens today. It will continue until May 13. These Vanderbilt horses are the same ones that have won many events at Madison Square Garden in New York and in the London Shows.

Kansas Athletic Meet.

Manhattan, Kans., May 8.—Hundreds of high school athletes are here today for the fifth annual Kansas State high school track meet.

Today's Oddest Story

Chicago, May 8.—H. C. Hildebrand, president of the H. C. Hildebrand Company laundry supplies and machinery, has found the man with the hardest luck in the world he thinks. It is Sam Sing Lung, Hildebrand sent the following letter to Michael K. Sheridan, of the board of assessors:

"Gentlemen: Mr. Sam Sing Lung, 9243 Commercial avenue requests that I write to you in his behalf regarding your personal property schedule and about as follows:

"'Me no got noddings, machine old junk, Motor no good just fix em pay \$20 No li-cis rice to eat muchie, pork chop velly high, Roll-mill no workie. Out king no goodie much. Ma-kee no business.'"

"He further claims he never patronized the municipal buildings. Moreover while business has been on the blink, he has gone fishing a number of times with no results."

The meet started promptly on time this afternoon and the attendance is very creditable.

Athletes Arrive Early.

Last night was a Ral! Ral! procession. The first athletes to come were the North end division, from the West.

The fast mail brought in the Baker athletes, and the rosters came today. The main delegations were quartered at separate hotels with the result that there was no clashing of yells or enthusiasm.

Early this morning the performers were out enjoying the bountiful sunshine, many being on the street at 7 o'clock.

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