Germany Puts blame on Foe

Sinking of Lusitania Declared Justified.

Vessel is Held Cruiser

Britain Accused of Protecting Munition Cargo With American Lives.

Issue of Fact Raised

As to Gullflying and Chasing, Note Says Errors Will Be Paid For.

Berlin, May 30—Germany, in its reply to the note of the British Government, clearly declares the sinking of the Lusitania to have been justified because of the submarine's reckless and unprovoked attack on the German fleet. The British note, contrary to the German interpretation of it, was not a denunciation of the Lusitania sinking as an act of war, but a demand for an explanation of the German admiral's action in sending German submarines to sink the Lusitania. The reply, however, is not framed as a direct answer to the British note, but is rather an indirect challenge to the British note, and is intended to be a counter-shot, as shown by the summary of the important points:

- The sinking of the Lusitania was a direct result of the British submarine's action on the high seas, and was not due to any hostile act on the part of the German fleet.
- The British submarine was itself fired upon by the German fleet, and was compelled to sink the Lusitania to save itself.
- The British submarine's action was a direct result of the Lusitania's own action in violating the rules of international law.

The reply then goes on to state that the British note, by its failure to mention the sinking of the Lusitania, was a direct challenge to the German fleet, and was an act of war.

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