

S. S. LUSITANIA TORPEDOED OFF IRISH COAST; 300 PERSONS AT LEAST SAVED

Giant Cunard Liner, Carrying Many Prominent American Passengers, Attacked Supposedly by German Submarine Off Kinsale Head, St. George's Channel, and Is Reported to Have Been Beached.

BOATS FILLED WITH SURVIVORS ARE SIGHTED AND STEAMERS RUSH TO RESCUE

British Destroyers Hurried to the Scene and British Admiralty Announces Greek Steamer Picking Up Some of the Survivors.

New York, May 7.—(U. P.)—The Cunard line late today made public the following message from Liverpool: "A majority of the rescue vessels are now apparently making for Queenstown."

New York, May 7.—(U. P.)—At 4:30 this afternoon the Cunard company gave out the following cable message: "Old Head wire begins: 'Cancel last message, Stormcock taking passengers and boats from motor fishing boat. Proceeding to Queenstown.'"

This referred to a previous message, which said the Stormcock had rescued passengers from fishing boats and was going to Kinsdale.

Cork, Ireland, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Three hundred passengers from the Lusitania were landed at Clonakilty, southwest of Cork, according to dispatches to a newspaper here.

London, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—The Cunard company at 7:46 o'clock tonight issued an official declaration that the Lusitania was torpedoed without warning and sank almost immediately. It is known that a large number of large boats were near the scene and full information of the disaster will be published immediately on its receipt.

As the evening wore on without any news of the number of passengers and sailors saved, the impression grew that the loss of life would be heavy.

Washington, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Ambassador Page this afternoon cabled the state department as follows: "The Lusitania was torpedoed this morning. She sank within half an hour. We have no report of the passengers as yet."

Liverpool, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—S. J. Lister, general manager of the Cunard line, issued the following statement: "We have received information that the Lusitania was torpedoed at 2:30 o'clock today. Just previously the Lusitania had sent this wire: 'Come at once; heavy list.' That was the last heard from her. The Lusitania had 2067 souls aboard, of whom 816 were crew and 1251 were passengers. She was apparently sunk without warning."

The statement added that any passengers saved would be landed and brought here.

By Herbert Temple, European Manager International News Service. London, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Germany today delivered her greatest sea blow of the war at Great Britain, when the giant Cunard liner Lusitania was torpedoed by a German submarine off Old Kinsale Head, Ireland. It was practically certain that the Lusitania was beached, this statement being made in dispatches from Queenstown, which reported that all aboard the liner had been saved.

This report was confirmed, or apparently confirmed, by a dispatch received this evening by Lloyds, but it left the question of whether a torpedo or an infernal machine had been used on the liner still open. The blow to the Lusitania was delivered at 2:33 o'clock this afternoon, when the vessel was in the Atlantic, eight miles off the head of Kinsale, on the south coast of Ireland.

Nearly 1251 passengers, among whom were scores of prominent Americans, were aboard the liner.

At 8:36 o'clock this afternoon Lloyds issued a statement that the Lusitania was believed to have been blown up by an infernal machine. The dispatch stated: "We have no details of the fate of passengers and crew, but they are considered to be probably safe."

Signals for Help. The first news of the disaster to the big vessel came in a dispatch from Queenstown. It said: "Land's End—Wireless reports the following distress call by the Lusitania: 'Come once Big list. Position 12 miles south Kinsale.'"

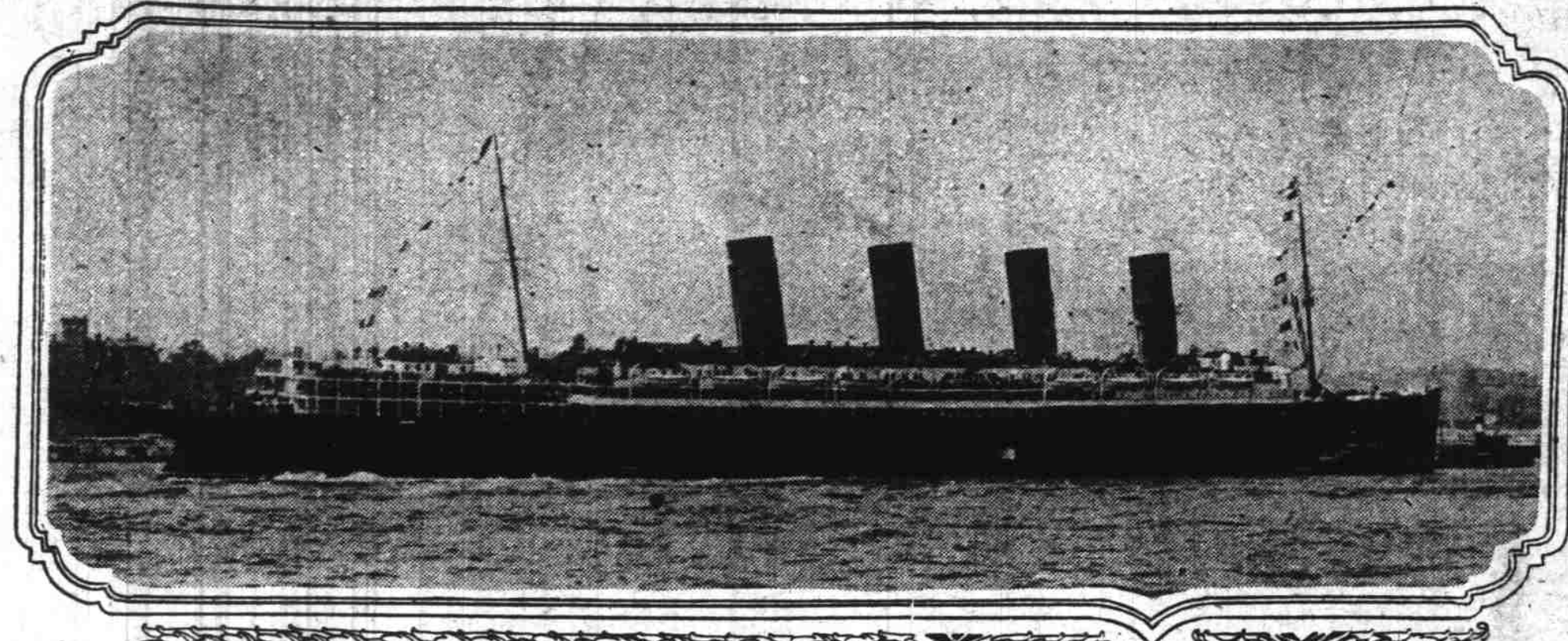
Subsequently word was received here and all available boats from the harbors along the southern coast of Ireland had been dispatched to aid the liner. Still later advices from Queenstown said: "About 20 boats belonging to the Lusitania are in the vicinity of the disaster. About 15 vessels are rushing to the Lusitania's assistance."

Owners Are frantic. As soon as news of the disaster was received here the Cunard offices were besieged with anxious inquiries. Scores of American residents of London rushed to the American embassy clamoring for news of the Americans who sailed on the Lusitania.

At first the public was skeptical of the reports of the disaster, believing it impossible that the submarines could catch the liner unawares. The admiralty had been at the greatest pains to guard the Lusitania, but special precautions taken to guard the whole steamer lane.

At 4:30 this afternoon the following dispatch was received by the British admiralty: "Several boats apparently filled with survivors of the Lusitania have been sighted nine miles southeast of Kin-

CUNARD LINER LUSITANIA SUNK BY THE GERMANS OFF SOUTH COAST OF IRELAND



Dot in sea south of Cork, Ireland, shows where the Lusitania was torpedoed. The shaded portion of the map indicates the "war zone" proclaimed by the Germans about the British Isles.

AUSTRIA IS REPORTED TO HAVE DECLINED TO ACCEDE TO TERMS PROPOSED BY ITALY AS INCOMPATIBLE WITH DIGNITY OF NATION

Large Numbers of Italians Are Crossing the Line From Austria to Their Own Country, and Martial Law Is Said to Have Been Declared in Border Provinces.

By Brixton D. Aillaire. Rome, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—King Victor Emmanuel this evening summoned the minister of war to the palace. The Austrian ambassador had just delivered two notes to Baron Sonnino, the Italian foreign minister. It is reported that Italy will move on Austria following the conference of the war minister and king.

Rome, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Final rejection by Austria of Italy's terms, with all indications pointing to immediate war, were reported here today in special dispatches from the frontier. The newspapers here display the dispatches in their biggest type, but despite their optimism of the German embassy here seems undiminished.

ROYAL DECREE GIVEN TO PERMIT CENSORING OF TELEGRAPH LINES

Rome, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—A royal decree published this morning empowers the government to suspend all telephone and telegraph service "in case of extraordinary circumstances."

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Nome, Alaska, May 7.—(P. N. S.)—Nome remains listed in the wet column today by the narrow margin of 117 votes. In the wet and dry election held yesterday saloons were retained by a vote of 561 to 434.

NO WAR BETWEEN JAPAN AND CHINA, FOR TOKIO WITHDRAWS DEMANDS OBNOXIOUS TO PEKING

Reports From Official Circles Say That All Other Concessions Sought by Japan Will Be Granted and That Task of Working Out Details Is All That Remains to Bring Peace Negotiations to End; Quiet in Tokio.

withdraw from the list 24 demands made upon Peking the fifth group, which from the start has been obnoxious to the Chinese government and threatened to plunge the two nations into war. All other concessions sought by Japan are to be granted in effect, it was understood here today, and only the working out of the details remains to close the negotiations which have threatened the peace of the orient for weeks.

GREAT NAVAL BATTLE BETWEEN RUSSIANS, GERMANS REPORTED

Petrograd Dispatches Assert Warships of Two Nations Clash in Baltic Sea.

LUSITANIA DISASTER PLACED IN CATEGORY WITH FALABA'S LOSS

Official Attitude Will Not Differ From That Regarding Sinking of Smaller Boat.

Washington, May 7.—(U. P.)—At the state department this afternoon it was held that the Lusitania and Falaba disasters fall in the same category and undoubtedly would be handled along precisely similar lines in so far as American official interest in the matter was concerned.

Panic on Wall Street Follows Receipt of News

New York, May 7.—Wall street was thrown into a panic today when news of the sinking of the British steamer Lusitania became known. Leading securities recently sharply advanced because of war orders obtained from the allies were dumped overboard by frightened holders.

Six Persons Killed In Wreck of Cars

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7.—(P. N. S.)—Six persons were killed and a score injured when a Santa Fe freight train ran into a south Pasadena street car at Aliso street and the Santa Fe tracks this afternoon.

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Danger of Deficit In Treasury Not Threatened Now

Government Officials Declare There Is No Necessity for Bond Issue.

Washington, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—All danger of necessity for a bond issue to forestall a threatened treasury deficit today was believed by government officials to be over. The first substantial receipts from the income tax are beginning to come in. The net balance in the general fund of the treasury, which has been falling off at the rate of from one half million to one million dollars a day since the first of the year, has remained stationary at about \$18,000,000 for the last three or four days and even increased by \$100,000 one day this week.

TWENTY-ONE DEAD AS RESULT OF CYCLONES YESTERDAY IN SOUTH

Fifteen Killed in Louisiana and Six Met Same Fate in Mississippi.

New Orleans, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Twenty-one deaths and a list of injuries that may run to a hundred was estimated today to be the toll taken by two cyclones yesterday afternoon. The first broke in the parish of Acadia Parish, southwest Louisiana, and the second in the vicinity of Jonestown, Miss.

The deaths in Louisiana totaled 15, and may probably run beyond this figure. In Mississippi six lives are known to have been lost. The property damage in Louisiana is placed at \$500,000. The figures for Mississippi are not obtainable, but will be equally as large.

Wires are down through Coahoma county, where the fury of the storm was the greatest, and details of the havoc wrought by the wind are difficult to obtain.

Fourteen Dead

Clarkdale, Miss., May 7.—(I. N. S.)—A tornado sweeping this section of the state today killed 14, injured 25 and caused property loss of more than half a million dollars.

The mighty wind swept everything in its path to the ground. Cotton gins, plantation buildings, stores and houses were completely demolished.

Wires were down through the district and communication is demolished.

Damage at Humboldt

Humboldt, Tenn., May 7.—(I. N. S.)—One person killed, two seriously injured and heavy property loss today were net results of the tornado sweeping through this section late last night.

Many orchards were completely uprooted and the roofs of 50 houses and barns were carried away.

BULLETINS

Transylvania Will Sail. New York, May 7.—(U. P.)—Cunard line officials announced this afternoon that the Lusitania, the liner Transylvania of the Anchor Line, which is under charter to the Cunard Line, will sail for Liverpool tomorrow afternoon.

Lapland Reaches Port. Liverpool, May 7.—(U. P.)—The Red Star liner Lapland, from New York, arrived here safely at 4:55 p. m. today.

Sunk Other Vessels. London, May 7.—(U. P.)—The German submarine which sunk the Cunard liner Lusitania is believed to be the same which yesterday sank the two 5000 freighters Centurian and Candide and on Wednesday sank the sailing ship Albatross of Latham. The admiral's fleet today today sent destroyers to search for the undersea boat.

Woman Guilty on Charge of Perjury

Marshfield, Or., May 7.—Mrs. Ruby Simpson Nosler was found guilty of perjury in connection with the old Treadgold feud. She admitted she testified falsely in the Brandon city court against Joe Coach, but claimed she did so because instructed and threatened by City Attorney Treadgold.

FISHERS BLOCK CHANNEL

Within the short time of an hour, two large Atlantic coast liners, the Santa Cecilia and the American, were beached while entering the Columbia river rather than run down the fishermen at work in the channel. The Santa Cecilia grounded just before 3 o'clock and the American just before 4 yesterday afternoon.

Kegler Establs Sues for Damages

Suit for \$7500 damages for the death of Charles M. Kegler was filed today against Victor Brandt, owner of the Carlton hotel. The suit was brought by W. H. Hull, executor of the estate of Kegler.

Kegler was struck by the Carlton hotel auto bus. The accident occurred December 1. This will leave 20 places in Baker where liquor can be purchased during the rest of the year.

HILL SIXTY IS TAKEN BY KAISER'S MEN

British Troops Driven From Possession After Week of Bloody Struggle, Declares Dispatch Coming From Berlin by Wireless.

HEAVY LOSS IN EFFORT TO REGAIN LOST GROUND

Counter-Attacks Directed at Germans Are Said to Have Resulted in Great Disaster to the Soldiers of King George.

Berlin, via wireless to London, May 7.—(U. P.)—The German ring of steel is slowly but surely closing in on Ypres. The official statement from the war office today announced that the kaiser's troops are now in complete possession of Hill 60, about which bloody fighting has been in progress for the past week.

Not only were the British driven from this position, but counter-attacks directed against the Germans in an effort to re-take the hill were repulsed with heavy losses, the statement declared.

Gains East of Ypres. Berlin, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—Via wireless to Sayville.—Further German gains east of Ypres were claimed in an official statement issued here today by the war office. Seven machine guns, a mine thrower, thousands of rifles and a large quantity of ammunition were captured from the British.

Attempts of the British to capture positions on Hill No. 69 were repulsed with heavy losses. Russian attacks at Steinbrueck and in the Vosges regions also have met with defeat.

"Fifteen hundred Russians," continued the statement, "have been captured at Roselle."

"The Russians are retreating from Hill No. 526, south of Kalwarja in the Carpathians."

Attack With Heavy Guns. Paris, May 7.—(I. N. S.)—German onslaughts on the allies on the front near Ypres today slackened so far as rifle and bayonet work was concerned and the development today here resolved itself into a general attack with heavy guns. To these the big guns of the British and the 75's of the French responded.

The final effort of the Germans came at Bagastelle where, the French official statement today stated, the Teutons were driven back after a fierce hand to hand battle before the rival trench mortars.

In the Vosges another heavy gun duel is raging but there have been no serious attempts on either side to push advances by infantry attack.

DEVELOPING OF PORT NO HARDSHIP AT ALL, SAY MANY IMPORTERS

Just as Economical to Clear at Portland Custom House as Elsewhere.

"Anything that comes direct to any importer in Portland can be cleared through the customs house here just as economically as through Seattle. It is the duty of every merchant of Portland to clear everything in Portland."

A. H. Devers of Clatsop & Devers made that assertion today in endorsement of the sentiments of Collector of Customs Thomas C. Burke and the editorial stand of The Journal in regard to the development today here of the clearing of imports destined to Portland merchants.

Baker Cuts Down On Its Saloons

Baker, Or., May 7.—Eugene DeFrees, Frank Weir and C. C. Cox, saloonkeepers, were Thursday refused renewal of licenses, having been guilty of violation of the liquor law during the last year. This action by the city commissioners puts them out of business June 1. This will leave 20 places in Baker where liquor can be purchased during the rest of the year.