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THE LUSITANIA DISASTER.

The dreadful disaster which befell the Lusitania and snuffed out the lives of several hundred innocent men, women and children has set more Americans to thinking than anything that has happened since the terrible war began. There are some questions that are not yet definitely settled, or in other words, there are parts of news regarding the Lusitania that have not been verified. For instance as to whether she carried armament for her own protection; this with other less important questions will be learned later on. But all this is not so important to the American public as is the question of what the United States will do in this matter. Then again it is asked by those who have made a study of our floating force, "what can we do?" Germany will apologetically say that she is sorry any American should lose his or her life, and will argue that her war zone was entered. Then will come the question as to Germany's right to establish a war zone around another country against neutral vessels or vessels of opposing nations with non-combatant passengers. All these and many other questions will be pondered over before the incident is closed.

The United States is in no position to go to war with any nation and what is more she has no desire to. We are a peace-loving nation, but like all other nations we have a few hot-headed citizens who, had they the power, would have this country up in arms, but thanks to the great majority those over excitable individuals are not in power.

The Lusitania was an English ship, of the Cunard line of steamers, was carrying passengers, a majority of whom were citizens of the United States and other neutral countries, was subject to be-

come a prize ship for the Germans, but before becoming a prize ship the captor must land the non-combatant passengers safely. This one point is clear, but in this Germany failed and the odium she has brought upon herself is of vast more importance than Germany now expects. German sympathizers in the United States as well as in other neutral countries are lessened in number by such acts and if ever

Diplomats and thinking Americans are advising calmness and in this they are right, but when it is all threshed out, decisiveness will be the ultimate and we can rest assured that the United States will profit because of her calmness. In this we will have the respect of all nations although our ultimate demands may be belated.

SANDLAKE

Ed Blum, of Pleasant Valley, paid a visit to John Simmons and family this week.

George Galloway went to Tillamook Wednesday.

Mrs. Ed Carter and brother-in-law spent Friday at the lake fishing.

Mrs. Atkinson conducted the eighth grade examinations last week.

Ed Carter returned from Tillamook last Saturday.

Mrs. Alice Hoyt paid a visit to her daughter, Mrs. Shillinglaw the last of the week.

Edward Cameron was a Hemlock visitor Saturday.

After spending a week visiting relatives at Pleasant Valley Mrs. Simmons returned home Saturday.

Jim Thompson and John Cameron made a trip to town the first week.

A gentleman from Hebo was in this vicinity recently trying to buy yearling heifers.

Ame Blum and family tried to get a soaking by going fishing Sunday morning.

Mrs. Bonin and Miss Jessie Simmons after spending Saturday evening with their parents returned to the Yellow Fir mill Sunday.

Mrs. Geo. Galloway and daughter, Mabel, made a business trip to Hemlock Saturday.

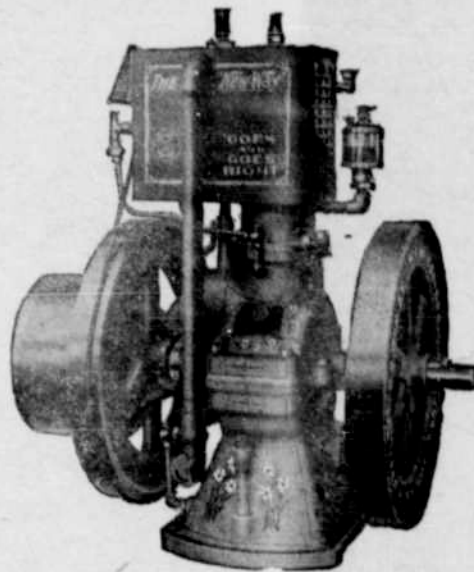
Emmett Rock arrived in Sandlake Saturday afternoon, his wife having been visiting her mother during the week.

Mr. Diamond is cutting lumber. Mr. Edwards hauled logs for the mill Wednesday.

The Tillamook school teacher made a flying trip to the beach Sunday. Reported a fine trip and an enjoyable time.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry LaMar, of Tillamook, have rented their house and lots and intend living near Toledo this summer.

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