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## LINER LUSITANIA SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

### GERMANS ATTEMPTING TO BLOW BRITISH OFF THE EARTH AT YPRES

Kaiser's Forces Bring Many Heavy Guns Into Action and Violent Artillery Duel Rages—Enormous Quantities of Ammunition and Gas Shells Expended—French Withdrawals Considered—Turks Claim Victories

By William Philip Simms. (United Press Staff Correspondent.) Paris, May 7.—The roar of heavy German artillery is now shaking the entire battle front. The Kaiser's forces are bringing heavy guns into action in enormous numbers at every point. They have apparently decided literally to blow the British off of Ypres. Reports from the French, British and Belgian headquarters bring the same stories of violent artillery combats and the expenditure of enormous quantities of ammunition.

It was apparent today that the German general staff has decided that important gains are impossible unless the strong positions held by the allies are reduced. The Germans are therefore making the capture of their enemy's gun positions a matter of primary importance in order to bring them into action to shatter the allied line.

On the Flanders front the Germans are not only throwing enormous quantities of explosive shells into Ypres and against the line from the city to Hill 60, but they have mounted extra heavy guns on the wooded hills about Zandvoorde, six miles southeast of Ypres. While desperate fighting about Zandvoorde has alternately shifted Ypres, the road to Poperinghe, Hill 60, and the country as far west as St. Eloi.

The use of gas by the Germans continues everywhere. Additional troops have been brought up at all points on the line and are prepared to attempt in advance in massed attacks when the artillery shall have completed its work of reducing the allied positions. Today's official statement was laconic as to the general situation. It declared emphatically, however, that the German attacks in the vicinity of Baginelle had failed. In the region of Vauquion the Germans are shelling the French positions. It was stated. Reports that the German Ypres to Dixmude was being rendered untenable by the German attack were characterized as absurd.

For the purpose of protecting their line it is understood the allied commanders in the north may order with impunity at certain points, but it is positively asserted that there is not the slightest chance that a German drive toward Ghisla and Dunkirk can succeed.

The Germans have again attempted to surround Dunkirk, but without material success. Although many inhabitants of the town have fled south, the authorities declared there was little danger of serious damage to the city.

### "GIRLS' FAIR CAMP" IS NEW FEATURE FOR 1915

State Fair Board Makes Provision For Innovation This Morning—Directors Also Decide to Maintain Own System of Policing Grounds Instead of State Militia and Detectives

The appropriation of \$300 for the conduct of a "Girls' Fair Camp" at the 1915 state fair; election to dispense with the services of the state militia and police officers and to provide their own special police service in cooperation with the police departments of Salem and Marion county, and the decision upon engaging the services of T. M. Maroney, a Butte, Montana, aviator, to give free exhibitions in fancy aerial flights with an aeroplane during the exposition were the most important business taken by the state fair board, which met in special session at the hotel here this morning.

The board is still in session this afternoon to decide upon hiring of a band for the fair and, while this question has not been decided as yet and there are no bidders for the contract, it appears that the choice rests between the American Ladies' concert band, Chicago, and the Salem military band, which has been chosen by the board. A great many other matters pertaining to the securing of free open-

### WAR IS AVERTED AS CHINA YIELDS TO DEMANDS OF JAPAN

China Agrees When Tokio Withdraws Fifth Group of Demands

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The principal article in group five of the Japanese demands upon China upon which an agreement was reached today, provided that the Chinese government should employ Japanese advisers in all political, financial and military affairs. Other demands were that China should purchase a fixed ratio of her war munitions from Japan, or co-operate in the establishment of an arsenal; that the police of certain sections, especially in Manchuria, should be under the joint supervision of the Japanese and Chinese; railroad concessions including the right to build a line connecting Hankow and Hanchow; mining, railway and dock concessions in the province of Fukien and the right to land ownership for Japanese hospitals, schools and other institutions.  
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Tokio, May 7.—Peace between Japan and China was insured today when the Tokio government withdrew from its list of 21 demands made upon Peking the fifth group, which from the start has been objections 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. The decision of the cabinet, following the receipt of additional communications from Peking, evidently met with general approval in Tokio. The populace was extremely quiet today and there were no war demonstrations, despite the fact that an ultimatum had been placed in the hands of the Japanese minister in Peking to deliver to the Chinese government should diplomatic negotiations fail.

At 7 o'clock last night the Chinese foreign office was informed that nothing could be accepted but complete compliance with all of the Japanese demands. It was maintained that grant of the demands would assist China in every way. At that time the foreign office again declined and further negotiations were in progress throughout the night.

Early today Koki Hoki, the Japanese minister, notified the foreign office that he had received from Tokio the ultimatum which was threatened yesterday. He stated that he was under instructions to formally serve the ultimatum unless China gave assurances that the demands would be met by 3 o'clock this afternoon. President Yuan Shai Kai and his advisers immediately went into another conference, and it was decided that the government could do nothing but meet the demands. All were accepted except a few sections of group five. In this group it is understood made counter propositions which it was believed Japan would be certain to accept, and avert all possibility of war.

Ultimatum Delivered.  
Washington, May 7.—Despite the receipt of dispatches stating that Japan and China had reached an agreement, the Japanese embassy today announced that it had received a cable from Tokio declaring that the nikado's ultimatum had been delivered to the Peking government.

### Delicate Law Question Involved In Suit Against Fair Board

In order to establish who is entitled to receive a little over \$1500, balance due on a plumbing contract awarded to W. H. Rodgers for work performed in the new pavilion at the state fair grounds, an action has been begun against the state fair board and that body was served with the papers in the case this morning. Before completing the job Rodgers went into bankruptcy and made an assignment of his claim over to the U. S. National Bank of this city. The U. S. Fidelity and Guaranty company, which was upon his bonds, finished the job and claims the money, while P. N. Derby, Rodgers' trustee in bankruptcy, also lays claim to the cash. The warrant is in the hands of the secretary of state, who, acting upon the advice of legal authority, is withholding it until the question of who is entitled to receive the money is decided. Attorney Robin D. Day and Walter C. Winslow are the attorneys in the action.

### HOP ASSOCIATION DEVELOPING INTO POWERFUL FACTOR

Over 60 Per Cent of Acreage and Stock Singed Up—Outlook Promising

### CONTROLS ENOUGH HOPS TO MAKE WORLD POWER

### Foreign Prohibition Agitation Subsides and Improves the Market Prospects

With over 60 per cent of the capital stock already subscribed and subscriptions coming in in good-sized blocks every day; with nearly 70 per cent of the growers and hop growers of the state signed up, the Oregon hop growers' association is making rapid progress along the line of permanent organization and according to the officers of the association, will be placed upon a solid commercial and working basis before June 1 of this year.

Not only are those who took an active interest and part in the organization movement from the beginning signing and paying up the stock subscribed to but the field agents, of which there are several, are sending in new members every day and the scope of the association will be much larger than the leaders in the movement anticipated. As the magnitude of the organization enlarges the weaker-kneed, or rather doubtful growers are beginning to exhibit signs of interest and confidence and the results are daily apparent to the officers at association headquarters. In short, what was regarded as a speculation a few weeks ago, has developed into an unqualified certainty and the only thing that remains to be accomplished is to include every hop grower in the state.

Report of missing hills, badly neglected yards and some instances of actual plowing up of hops continue to come in in increasing numbers and the latest estimate placed upon the probable crop for this year for Oregon is not to exceed 100,000 bales. Officials of the association who receive daily reports from field agents in constant touch with the growers and the condition of yards generally state that there are not more than 20,000 acres of hops in the state, as compared to an estimated average of 23,000 to 25,000 heretofore estimated and figured upon as a basis of probable yield, and this will serve to reduce all future estimates very materially.

Little interest is manifest in the hop market today, once in awhile a contract being reported for a small crop at around 11 cents, but the conditions are becoming gradually settled and the prospects are for a fairly good demand for the Oregon product before the season advances far toward the harvest.

The "scare" that was precipitated over the war situation in Europe over the agitation of the prohibition issue has subsided somewhat upon the official announcement that no attempt would be made on the part of the English parliament to levy an exorbitant tax upon intoxicating beverages, and there being no indication of a desire to limit the amount of production of beer, as was hinted at some time back, confidence in the future situation of the market is being gradually restored and this will soon have its rejuvenating effect upon the market.

Already the hop growers' association has signed up enough membership and controls a sufficient quantity of the Oregon crop of hops for the year 1915 to enable it absolutely the strongest factor in the hop market of the world and to say that it will have to be reckoned with in the adjustment of things under the universal law of supply and demand would be putting it mildly. One thing is certain, the great bulk of the Oregon crop of hops finds a waiting market among the better class of brewers of the East and in England, and these factors will not accept a substitute for the Oregon product which cannot be duplicated any place else in the United States for quality and strength. That being the case there will always be a market for Oregon hops, so long as beer is manufactured, and the association entertains no qualms of fear or uneasiness as to the ultimate disposal of the hops in the organization at satisfactory prices.

BATTLE IS FOUGHT.  
Copenhagen, May 7.—An official statement issued here tonight announces a battle between Russian and German squadrons fought in the Baltic along the Aakenbanen, and Lithuanian lines. No details are given.

### Company's Latest Bulletin

London, May 7.—Shortly before 8 o'clock tonight the Cunard company issued a formal statement announcing that the Lusitania had been torpedoed without the slightest warning and sunk within a very few minutes.

The bulletin stated that the entire concern of the company was for the safety of the passengers and crew, regarding whose welfare it was not yet fully informed. The statement declared that the material loss was not being considered as it was fully covered by insurance.

It was explained that a large number of boats from the Lusitania are known to be afloat. An exceptionally large number of crafts in the vicinity at the time the liner was struck answered the Lusitania's call for help.

The fact that the company's official bulletin made no mention of the number of passengers and crew so far accounted for, caused considerable uneasiness. There seems little doubt but that some information is already available on this line and that the failure of the company to make even a meagre announcement relative to passengers saved did not tend to allay the uneasiness which became more manifest as the evening progressed and the tension increased.

### Taking Passengers Off.

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

The referred to a previous message, which said the Storm Cook had rescued passengers from fishing boats and was going to Kinsale.

### Hints At Loss Of Life.

Liverpool, May 7.—An ominous hint that there had been serious loss of life in the destruction of the Lusitania came in an official statement tonight by the Cunard office. It said: "We have great hopes that many lives have been saved."

This was interpreted to mean that the line knew that there had been some loss of life.

### SOUTHERN PACIFIC PROPOSES A NEW TARIFF SCHEDULE

### Proposes Readjustment of Local Rates Affecting Branch Lines In State

For the purpose of readjusting rates and establishing a uniform schedule of freight rates affecting all of its subsidiary lines in Oregon, General Freight Agent H. R. Hinchey and Asst. General Freight Agent J. H. Mulhevy, of the Southern Pacific company were in conference with the railroad commission this morning, discussing the proposed schedule in detail. It was explained that, while there would be no revision of rates upon any of its subsidiary lines, the general purpose of the change was for the convenience and benefit of shippers in the Willamette valley by eliminating the double local rates for main line and branch lines and to make one through local rate. It is not expected that the proposed new schedule will be effective for some time.

### Santa Fe Train Wrecked and Seven Are Dead

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7.—Seven persons were known to have been killed this afternoon when a Santa Fe train collided with a South Pasadena car of the Pacific Electric railway on Allen street, Los Angeles, near the river. Many others were injured. A score of ambulances were ordered to the scene. Two bodies were removed from the wreckage, and it was believed that many more were buried. Fifteen injured, many of them seriously, two women and two men unconscious, lay near the edge of the pile of debris. It was believed that the latter four were dead.

Among those buried in the wreckage were a mother and her infant. Rescuers were making frantic efforts to reach them among the tangled mass of timbers and steel. It was not known whether they were dead or alive. Known dead: MRS. H. F. HURD, Los Angeles; LOUIS LE COMPTE, president Los Angeles P. E. Co.; Injured: Mrs. B. F. Johnson, head injured; Miss Lillie Schmidt, bruised; J. A. White, skull fractured; G. Cook, arm broken; Peter Bushard, skull fractured; Mrs. M. Greenwood, Pasadena, Cal., slightly injured; Mrs. W. F. James, broken leg internal injuries; Robert A. O'Connor, head injured; H. V. Herring, head injured; O. T. Olson, internally hurt.

## 1400 PASSENGERS TAKE TO SMALL BOATS WHEN HUGE LINER GOES DOWN

Numerous Vessels Rush To Rescue Upon Receiving Wireless Call of Distress and All On Board Are Reported Saved—Report Received That Lusitania Was Beached and May Be Salvaged—American Passengers Warned of Danger

### STATE DEPT. NOTIFIED.

Washington, May 7.—The state department received a dispatch from Walter Hine, Paris, United States ambassador, at 1:30 p. m., confirming the loss of the Lusitania. His report said: "The Lusitania was torpedoed off the Irish coast this morning. She sank in half an hour. No passenger list given."

### Boats Rush to Rescue.

New York, May 7.—In brief and at first non-committal cables of unconfirmed reports, the news of the sinking of the Lusitania was received here today at the Cunard offices and immediately made public in the hope of reassuring hundreds of relatives of passengers aboard the vessel.

Within a half hour after the first report of the attack upon the vessel was received this afternoon calls poured in to the Cunard offices. Officials of the line gave their anxious relatives of passengers every assurance possible, but not until reports began to come from London that the passengers were believed to have been saved could they give more satisfaction. Within an hour crowds were beginning to collect about the offices, all clamoring for news.

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The liner's wireless stated she was listing badly and was 10 miles south of Kinsale. "That passengers had escaped from the vessel was evident when a cablegram from Queenstown stated that 15 or 20 small boats apparently containing survivors from the liner had been sighted near the spot where the Lusitania was sunk. All small craft in the Queenstown harbor had been rushed to their assistance, it was stated. The cablegrams as received here follow: "Liverpool, 5:33 p. m.—Queenstown wired Old Head wire begins: 'Large steamer just arrived in vicinity apparently rendering assistance. Tugs patrolling now on the spot taking boats to tow. Motor fishing boat with two Lusitania's boats bearing probably for Kinsale. Have wired Kinsale agent to render every assistance; to advise us if any boats are towed in there.'"

"Old Head of Kinsale wires: "About 20 boats of all sorts belonging to the Lusitania are in the vicinity of where the Lusitania sunk. "About 15 boats are making for the spot to render assistance. Weather clear."

The last message from Queenstown given out at the Cunard offices was given at 4:59 p. m.

### Repudiate Responsibility.

Washington, May 7.—That the German government would repudiate responsibility toward the United States for the Lusitania disaster was the consensus of opinion in official circles here.

It was believed this expected attitude would be based on the advertisement published by the embassy in New York newspapers the day the vessel was sunk, warning Americans against traveling on British ships. Of course this warning, followed by the sinking of the vessel, caused comment concerning a possible fore-knowledge by the embassy of what was to happen but was wholly unofficial.

### LINER MAY BE SALVAGED.

London, May 7.—Two German submarines which sunk the Cunard liner Lusitania is believed here to be the same which yesterday sank the two 5000-ton freighters (Austrian and Candidate and on Wednesday sank the ship Earl of Latham. The admiralty has sent a flotilla of fast destroyers to search for the undersea boat. Late this evening the report reached here that the Lusitania either was beached or sunk in water so shallow that she can be salvaged. This was considered likely, which means that the run through St. Georges channel with all of their water-tight compartments closed.

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### The Weather

I'M GOING TO THE EXPOSITION



Oregon Fair tonight and Saturday; west winds.