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1,198 PEOPLE PERISHED WHEN THE OCEAN LINER LUSITANIA WAS SUNK

Torpedoed Without Warning Sank Within Fifteen Minutes

Two Torpedoes Sent Crashing Into Side of Vessel---Steamer Was Ten Miles Off Coast of Ireland

Was on Last Leg of Her Journey to Liverpool When Struck by the Torpedoes.

It Is Believed That All The Survivors Have Been Brought Ashore And There Is Small Hope Of Any More Being Alive

London, May 7.—The Cunard liner Lusitania, which sailed out of New York last Saturday with more than 2,000 persons aboard, lies at the bottom of the ocean off the Irish coast. She was sunk by a German submarine, which sent two torpedoes crashing into her side while the passengers were at luncheon.

How many of the Lusitania's passengers and crew were rescued cannot be told, but the official statements from the British Admiralty up to midnight accounted for not more than five hundred or six hundred.

A ship's steward, who landed with others at Queenstown, gave it as his opinion that 900 persons were lost.

There were dead and wounded among those brought ashore; some since have died. But not a name of rescued or lost, or dead or injured, has been listed officially.

The Lusitania was steaming along about 10 miles off Old Head Kinsale on the last leg of her voyage to Liverpool when about 2 o'clock in the afternoon a submarine suddenly appeared and so far as all reports go, fired two torpedoes without warning at the steamer. One struck her near the bows and the other in the engine room.

The powerful agents of destruction tore through the vessel's side, causing terrific explosions. Almost immediately great volumes of water poured through the openings and the Lusitania listed.

Boats which were already swung out on the davits were dropped overboard and were speedily filled with passengers who had been appalled by the desperate attack. A wireless call for help was sent out, and immediately rescue boats of all kinds were sent both from the neighboring points along the coast and Queenstown.

Within 15 minutes, as one survivor estimated, and certainly within half an hour, the Lusitania had disappeared.

When Great Britain's fastest merchant vessel went down—Old Head Kinsale—a landmark that has brought joy to many travelers as it always has stood as the sign from shore that the perils of the voyage across the Atlantic were at an end.

The line whose boast that it has never lost a passenger in the Atlantic service has lost the ship that dodged the lurking enemy off Nantucket Light the day after war was declared and later startled the world by flying the Stars-and-Stripes.

The British Admiralty is discussing the publication of surmises and guesses regarding the dead and injured. Even before details are known the British press is asking editorially what will the United States say to this event and how will she hold Germany to the 'strict accountability' mentioned in previous diplomatic correspondence.

The office of the Cunard Lin

closed shortly after 11 o'clock tonight and officers of the company stated there would be no further information coming from the line until the offices opened tomorrow.

Late messages received tonight from the Cunard Line offices in Liverpool indicated that no definite information would be forthcoming tonight as the officers were giving all attention to the persons saved from the ship.

Among the last messages received were several stating that individuals were saved. In these messages were the names of George Kessler, a New York wine agent; Miss Jessie Taft Smith, Braceville, Ohio; Mrs. H. B. Lasseter, wife of Gen. H. B. Lasseter, and their son, P. Lasseter of London. Mrs. Lasseter and her son were booked from Sydney, Australia.

New York, May 8.—The latest estimate of lives lost as a result of the torpedoing of the Cunard liner Lusitania by a German submarine off the Irish coast yesterday is 1,198. It is believed that almost all, if not all, the survivors, have been brought ashore and there is little hope of recovering any other passengers alive.

Of the dead many are women. The stories from Queenstown describe the bringing of the bodies of a great number of women, many of them still unidentified. The Queenstown docks are temporary resting places also for the bodies of several children. One dead mother still clasping in her rigid arms the body of her 3 months-old baby.

When the Lusitania left New York May 1 she had on board 1,901 souls, 1,251 passengers and 650 crew. The passengers were made up of 291 in the first cabin 599 in the second and 361 in the steerage. The list of survivors shows, so far that about 90 first class and 75 second class passengers were saved. The first cabin passengers were at lunch when the unheralded German attack sent the liner to the bottom. It is noticeable that comparatively few first class passengers were saved.

Among the well known Americans whose bodies have not been recovered and who consequently are believed to have perished are Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt, Charles Klein, the playwright, Justin N. Forman and Elbert Hubbard and his wife. The body of Charles Frohman, of New York, theatrical producer, already has been recovered and brought ashore at Queenstown. The hospitals of Queenstown are filled with the injured among the survivors and the morgues with the dead.

CIVIL WAR HORSE STILL SURVIVES.

The oldest horse that served the country in the War of the Rebellion is still alive, at the age of 53 years, at Horseheads, N. Y. It is owned by P. A. McIntosh who is also a veteran of the same war. To prove his assertion Mr. McIntosh shows the government brand on the animal's hip, which reads "I. C. 1865." Horse and man served in the same regiment. Although bent with age, his hair turning gray and his teeth becoming worn, the old warhorse is still able to eat 12 quarts of oats and take his master to town several times each week. It is estimated that the animal is at least 53 years old. Farmers say the average life of a horse is about 15 years.

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MR. BICKETT FEELS HE WILL WIN IN A WALK

Candidate For the gubernatorial Nomination Says He Has Large Percentage of the Vote Solid For Him

Kinston, May 9.—"And you're going to be the next governor of North Carolina?"

In reply to that question Attorney-General Thos. W. Bickett, who spent yesterday here, related a story.

"A young lady went before a priest. 'I have sinned, father' she said. Inquired of as to the nature of her iniquity, she bowed her head 'I have permitted a man to kiss me,' she stated. The reverend person vouchsafed that that was not so grievous an offense; but 'How many times were you kissed? Her answer was, 'I came to confess, father not to boast.'"

Mr. Bickett then stated in all sincerity that he now has 83 1/2 per cent of the Democratic vote in the state in a box. And from Greensboro to the mountains, he said, he has it "all" tied up good and fast.

Mr. Bickett answered the much-mooted question about when he would retire from his present office directly to the point: "I don't expect to quit until my term expires."

Mr. Bickett had heard nothing about the name of N. J. Rouse of Kinston being mentioned as his possible successor. Although he had met Mr. Rouse several times of late, the latter had not intimated his candidacy. He was informed that not until Friday did the Kinston man himself have any idea that his friends were using his name in connection with the office which will be vacant after Mr. Bickett's term is up. He said he had heard of several other candidates being groomed, but had not given the matter any considerable attention.

When a woman speaks of another as a "nice, sweet little thing" she is merely softening the statement that she considers her an eighteen-carat fool.

NEGRO ATTACKS GIRL IN GUILFORD COUNTY

Miss Alma Smith, Aged, 16, Knocked Down by Negro Intruder in Home.

Greensboro, May 10.—A telephone message received in the city from Pleasant Garden last night told of an attack on Miss Alma Smith, the 16 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith, who live near there, last night between sundown and dark. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were away from home visiting at the home of John Woodburn, a neighbor, and during their absence an unknown negro entered their home. He was searching a trunk when Miss Smith entered the house and found him. She says that when he saw her he threatened her life if she made an outcry. She screamed and he struck her, knocking her to the floor. He then made his escape and at last accounts had not been captured, although a posse of citizens, under the direction of Deputy Sheriff Ross, was scouring the surrounding neighborhood for him. It was thought, however, that the man had been located.

According to the account received here, Miss Smith was left at home with two small brothers while her parents went out. All three were out of the house evidently, when the negro entered it. Shortly after sundown Miss Smith went into the house alone, the brothers being at the spring at the time. She was the only one who saw the intruder and her description of him was rather meager, owing to the fact that she was greatly excited. She was able to say that he was small; that he wore a small cap and loose coat, without a vest; and that he was very dark in color.

The citizens of the vicinity are greatly excited over the occurrence and every effort will be made to capture the negro. A large number of men are operating under Deputy Sheriff in an attempt to find him.

CHATHAM COUNTY MAN CUT TO PIECES BY SAW

Mr Worthy Johnson, Sawyer, Accidentally Killed By Saw Near Pittsboro.

Pittsboro, May 7.—At the saw mill of Mike Harris, five miles south of here Wednesday morning about 9 o'clock, Worthy Johnson, sawyer, was accidentally killed. The young man, while fixing the guides to the large saw removed a plank that was used to prevent pieces of bark and trash from accumulating around the lever that operates the log carriage this putting the carriage into motion and before it was noticed by any one, the carriage was upon the young man and forces him on the saw, cutting off his right arm up close to the shoulder and both legs just below the waist. Six of his fellow-workmen looked on helplessly. He died almost instantly.

The coroner was at once notified, but an inquest was deemed unnecessary. It is said that about a week or ten days ago Johnson came near being killed in the same manner and was saved by the log turner who stopped the carriage.

J. Kelly Wright, lecturer for the state board of agriculture, Missouri was at Lancaster in that state last week inspecting the elephant farm of William P. Hall, (Diamond Bill.) Although no generally known, Hall has the only elephant market on this continent, and since the war, the largest in either Europe or America. He controls the elephant trade of this hemisphere.

Caroline Klink, only 17, of a respectable family, of Brooklyn, N. Y., collected \$2,575 in 30 days from friends for whom she promised to get jobs in the customs service. Her own father paid \$50. She had no means of making good and she is now doing 30 days at Blackwell's Island.

Some women are born with an understanding of men, some acquire it and some just shut their eyes and live happily with their husbands.

LEO FRANK SENTENCED FOR THE FOURTH TIME

Judge Sets June 22 as Date For Execution of Atlanta Man—He Reiterates Innocence—Faces Court and Delivers Prepared Statement.

Atlanta, Ga., May 10.—Leo M. Frank today was sentenced for the murder of Mary Phagan, a factor girl. His execution was set for Tuesday June 22nd, by Judge Hill, in the Fulton county Superior Court.

When asked by the court if he had anything to say why judgement should not be pronounced upon him Frank delivered a prepared statement, but not once did he refer to the text. He stood erect, with head thrown back, and each word was spoken clearly and distinctly. His statement follows:

"Again I stand before you. Again I can but reiterate that I am innocent of the murder of Mary Phagan. I have absolutely no guilty knowledge of that tragic occurrence.

"I am innocent of the charge, and I assert that the record of the evidence conclusively proves this. No appellate tribunal has ever passed upon this evidence. The only judge who has ever heard it, stated that he had the most serious doubts as to my guilt.

"My execution will not avenge Mary Phagan's death. A life will have been taken for a life, but the real culprit will not have paid the penalty. I will suffer for another's crime.

"My trust is in God, who knows that my protestations of innocence are the truth. At some future date the whole mortal world will realize that it is the knowledge that God knows it now and that the world will know it some day that inspires me as I stand before your Honor and as I face the future.

"Anything else I might say at this time would be but an elaboration of my words to the court. Yet I am fully alive to the fact that my position is most precarious. It is a situation which is far removed from anything that my life and mental attitude could have bespoken. It is hideous, but, at the same time, so unreal, so incongruous.

"It is fundamental in human life to want to live. This desire to exist is engrained in all of us—it is the basic morality of all who live. To those who have the proper deals of living, life without honor is insufferable. This is the message of theology and ethics.

"In the light of the whole truth I know—and the Almighty knows—that the morality of my position in this case is unassailable. This being so, my complete exoneration of this terrible charge lies in the future. When that day arrives I shall be vindicated—and if I am alive, I will be enabled to enjoy freedom and honor.

"Therefore, I want to live. "The full truth and all of the facts in the case, when they come to light, as some day they will, will prove to the world that my assertion of innocence is the truth.

"The legal arena is closed to me. The bar is placed forever against further legal process. Yet this issue of guilt or innocence has been before but one court, that in which the jury sat. All subsequent appeals were made upon alleged legal and juristic errors, not upon the facts or the evidence. Since the jury heard the case, no court of inquiry or review has sifted the evidence. No decision of any appeals court undertook to predicate an opinion on the record of the testimony and evidence. The doubt of the trial judge as to my guilt still remains."

Mrs. Frank sat beside her husband, and when the verdict was pronounced she bowed her head and wept. After sentence was passed, Frank was hurried back to his cell in the tower.

A large crowd attended the court session and many gathered outside. Good order prevailed.

Frank's application for commutation of sentence is with the prison commission, but no date for a hearing on it has been fixed.

Some people seem to think you should pay rent for the place you occupy in their thoughts.