CUNARD LINER TO ITS GRAVE Queenstown.—A cabin steward of the Lusitania gave the following account of the sinking of the vessel: "The passengers, a large number of

TORPEDOED BY GERMAN SUBMARINES

GERS ARE LOST.

WITHIN 12 MILES OF COAST

Confusion of Details of Subsequent Event from Survivors Still Based on Awful Expe. rience at Sea.

London.-A dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Liverpool says the official list of the surnames of 487 passengers and 274 crew.

New York.-Before giving its latest advices from Liverpool on the number of victims of the Lusitania, the Cunard company issued a revised list of survivors, which, however, contained only a few additions.

President Wilson Meditates.

Washington, D. C .- What action the United States government will take as a result of the sinking of the British liner Lusitania with a loss of more than a hundred American lives is an undetermined question.

President Wilson is studying every aspect of the case. Until all the of-Scial reports are received from Ambassadors Gerard and Page at Berlin and London, respectively, it is not expected that any action will be taken.

On the questions of law involved in the sinking of the Lusitania, the Washington government long ago stated its position to Germany. Law officers of the government were unanimous on their opinion, shared by the president, that there is no warrant under law or reason for the destruction of the unarmed merchant ship even of an enemy without warning the passengers at the time the ship is encountered, and transferring non-combatants to a place of safety.

Women and Children Jump Overboard. London.-Dr. Carl E. Foss of Montana, who leaped into the sea when the Lusitania was going down and was picked up by a boat, said he saw women and children jumping over- head above the water." board from the stricken steamer. He rescued a number of them Dr Foss declared, and revived many.

was being swung about and saw rine. We were going slowly. It is my impression that two or more submarines attacked the Lusitania."

Lifebeats Not Well Manned.

London.-The stories of lifeboat inadequacy grow as the passengers are able to take a cooler view of the disaster. A number of the survivors maintain that only five out of the thirty-four lifeboats which were swung out were successfully launched. Others assert that a general order for lowering the boats was not given until the second torpedo struck. The American survivors have taken no action and have no protest in any form beyond supplying the American consul with a few affidavits embodying their experiences.

Thought Boat Would Float.

Queenstown.-The heavy loss of life on the Lusitania was due, in the belief of rescued passengers, to the fact that some officers at least reassured them after the first torpedo struck that the Lusitania would remain affoat, and could make Queenstown. Preparations, it is true, were made to launch the boats, but before this could be done a second torpedo hit the steamer and she listed so badly that the crew could only work the boats on one side of alcohol, it is understood, will be of the ship.

Washington, D. C .- If the German government, as not a few diplomatists and officials fear, is anxious to draw the United States into the European conflict in the hope that defense at home will reduce the supply of arms to the allies, some officials believe the situation must be considered in the light of other possibilities and incidents in the future which might be calculated to aggravate public feeling in the United States.

The opinion prevails that the president is confronted with the most serious problem of his career.

Rivals the Titanic.

Liverpool.-Scenes reminiscent of the Titanic and Empress of Ireland disasters were to be witnessed in Liverpool, where a large crowd, chiefly women, relatives of the crew of the Lusitania, gathered outside the Cunard office awaiting news of their men. Little was available, however, but the people remained calm, although the strain was terrible.

"There was only fifteen minutes from the time the ship was struck until she foundered, going down bow foremost. It was a dreadful sight."

CABIN STEWARD'S STORY.

Three Torpedoes Fired and Find Target Without Moment's Warning.

whom were seriously injured by the explosion of the torpedoes and by splinters from the wreckage, were all at luncheon. The weather was beautifully clear and calm. We were going at about sixteen knots and were seven or eight miles south of Galley OVER ONE THOUSAND PASSEN. Head when we were struck by one torpedo and in a minute or two afterward by two more.

"The first explosion staggered us and the other finished us, shattering the gigantic ship. The Lusitania disappeared in twenty minutes after the first torpedo struck.

"The passengers were surprisingly cool.

"Nearly all the first-class passengers were drowned. Most of those saved were second and third-class passengers.

"We did not get a moment's notice from the submarine. It appeared suddenly above the surface on our starboard bow and discharged a torpedo vivors of the Lusitania includes the at us. The submarine disappeared as suddenly as it came into view."

Seem to Hope for Worst.

London.-The question asked in almost every English newspaper editori-

ally is, "What will America do now?" The Times says: "We shall say nothing which may seem to intensify the heavy and perplexing responsibility resting upon President Wilson and his colleagues. No attempt at direct action, should such a course be considered, could have any very material effect on the situation."

Proceeding to point out the various reasons why the United States is little likely to hold Germany to a "strict accountability," the Times says:

"We do not press the point, but venture to suggest that there may come a stage in the relations between the states when the maintenance of diplomatic intercourse may imply condonation of unwarrantable crimes."

HESITATION WAS FATAL.

Captain Turner Said Ship Would Float and Ordered Boats Kept in Davits.

Queenstown. -- "Captain Turner. after the first torpedo was fired and following an examination, declared that the lifeboats should not be lowered as the ship was in a condition to make the Irish coast." This statement was made by James J. Leary of Brooklyn, who declares he was standing near the ladder leading to the bridge and heard the captain say that his ship was not mortally hurt

"Captain Turner had barely finished speaking when a second explosion was heard. Within fifteen minutes I was in the sea, fighting to keep my

Took Regular Route.

Queenstown.—This city is almost as 'An hour before the catastrophe I much dazed by the tragedy as those was on deck. I noticed that the ship aboard the Lusitania. The question on every lip is: "Why did Captain something about a quarter of a mile | Turner pursue the usual well-known distant which looked like a subma- Cunard line course so close to the Irish coast at medium speed, and why

was not the big liner conveyed?" Several naval officers here state that the Lusitania received wireless orders to take a course in the middle channel, but the ship's wireless operator declines to say whether he received such orders, or if they declined to heed them.

Were Powerful Submarines.

Queenstown.-Passengers say that for some time before the first torpedo was fired the Lusitania had altered her course and they ascribed this to the fact that one of the German submarines had shown herself, sending the big liner in the direction where other underwater crafts were waiting to strike their deadly torpedoes as soon as the opportunity was presented.

These submarines, naval experts believe, are of the latest type, of probably 1,400 tons and much more powerful than any possessed by other

Paris.-The Petit Parisien says it has been informed the government will introduce a bill prohibting absolutely the manufacture, sale and transport of all alcoholic drinks during the progress of the war. Even beverages containing a slight proportion prohibited.

Other Liners to Be Sunk.

Cleveland, Ohio.-Dr. Bernard Denburg, former German colonial secretary and unofficial spokesman of the kaiser in America, has sounded a warning that other British ships en route to England are to suffer the same fate as the Lusitania.

When told that the Transylvania another Cunard liner, sailed from New York Friday night, to cover the same route, Dr. Denburg said:

"I can only say that the German warnings will reappear henceforth by advertisement. That is significant."

New York.-Insurance on the Lusitania, it is said, amounts to \$7,500,000. The vessel was valued, in round figures, at \$10,000,000. The worth of the cargo she carried was reckoned at \$735,000.

On the amount of insurance carried it is understood the line paid a premium of 3 per cent and a special war risk premium of 114 per cent for each

It is understood the line carried one-third of the insurance, the remainder being divided among Lloyds and other underwriters.

ENGAGED



NO ABATEMENT IN INTEREST

ADHERES TO THE POLICY OF THE

OPEN DOOR.

Chinese-Japanese Row, but Will

Insist on Preserving

Rights.

Washington.-The silence which has

been consistently maintainel by the

United States with reference to the

Japanese-Chinese negotiations since

they began nearly four months ago.

has been broken by the issuance of a

statement by Secretary Bryan explain-

ing the position of the American gov-

ernment. The statement was prepared

after consultation with President Wil-

son. While press reports had told of

Japan's decision to send an ultima-

tum to China, no official information

The American government, in its

pronouncement, in effect reiterates its

adherence of the open door policy and

maintenance of territorial integrity of

China, and points out that there has

been "no abatement of its interest in

the welfare and progress of China."

The "sole interest" of the United

States is declared to be that the ne-

gotiations between Japan and China

may be concluded in a manner satis-

factory to both nations," and "us con-

The statement was interpreted in

some quarters as meaning that while

no tender of good offices would be

made by the Washington government.

any third power to bring about a dip-

Cowboy Mayor Warns Crooks.

Chicago, Ill.-Mayor William Hale

Thompson in addressing members of

the Chicago Association of Commerce

declared that he and Chief of Police

ous anonymous letters threatening

their lives because of the administra-

tion's crusade to drive criminals from

"My answer to these would be trou-

ble makers who threaten my personal

safety is that Bill Thompson is an ex-

cowboy," said the mayor. "I have

mixed and lived with gunmen of the

west and I know how to be quick on

the trigger. If these crooks don't get

me quick as a flash they are taking an

Liberty Bell Will Stop at Lincoln.

will be exhibited in Lincoln on its out-

Six and Five Elope.

Grimm's fairy stories. Florence Dunck-

ley, five, accepted six year old Jimmy

Chaffee's suggestion to elepe. They

were found ten hour later looking for

Los Angeles, Cal.-By education in

domestic economy the Young Women's

Christian association in national ses-

sion here hope to eliminate these ser

vant problems, according to Miss Eliz-

abeth Dodge of New York, who read

the report of the domestic service

commission. The plan is to eliminate

servant and supplying in her stead an

Chicago.-Her curly head full of

Philadelphia, Pa.-The Liberty bell

awful chance."

a parson.

tribute to "the peace of the world."

had been received to confirm this.

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STRUGGLED LIKE FLIES.

Many Children Among Those Who Perished.

London.-G. D. Lane, who was returning to Wales from New York was in a lifeboat which capsized as the Lusitania heeled over.

"I was on the 'B' deck," he said. when I saw the wake of the torpedo. hardly realized what it meant when the big ship seemed to stagger and almost immediately listed to starboard. I rushed to get a life belt, but stopped to help get my children on the boat deck.

"The second cabin was a veritable nursery. Many youngsters must have drowned, but I had the satisfaction of seeing one boat get away filled with

women and children. "We witnessed the most borrible scene it is possible to imagine. When the Lusitania had turned almost over, she suddenly plunged bow foremost into the water, leaving her stern high in the air. People on the aft deck were fighting with wild desperation to retain a footing on the almost perpendicular deck while they fell over the slippery stern like crippled flies.

"Their cries and shrieks could be heard above the hiss of escaping steam and the crash of bursting boilers. Then the water mercifully closed over them, and the big liner disappeared, leaving scarcely a ripple behind her"

Followed Rule of Sea.

Queenstown.-The rule of the sea. "Women and children first." seems to have been followed in the first of the boats launched. But many of the boats went overside with only a few in them, and when they were cut loose in the water it was men that they at the disposal of both countries picked up, as there were few women should they desire the assistance of sturdy enough to swim in the cold water in which they were immersed when the Lusitania went to the bot-

Captain Turner, officials say, was still at his post on the bridge when the vessel took her final plunge.

Story of a Rescuer.

Queenstown—Captain David Murphy Healey had recently received numerof the trawler Storm Cock was the first on the scene with a rescue boat. His story was as follows:

"First of all I gathered in a lifeboat of fifty-two persons, most of them women and children, and before I completed my load I had twenty blessed youngsters aboard the old Storm Cock. Several of them were without their mothers, but all were taken in charge before we reached harbor by kindly women who forgot their own sorrows in ministering to others."

No Nebraskans on Board.

Lincoln.-There were no Nebraska passengers on the Lusitania this trip. going trip. according to official ansteamship agents say they are quite nouncement made here. It is undercertain. They add that travel on this stood that strong pressure was brought trip was composed of relatives of to bear to bring about this result, with wounded or killed British going to Secretary Bryan at the end of the look after them or their estates and of business men interested in supplies to the allies.

1,310 on Board.

New York.-When the Lusitania sailed she had on board 1.310 passengers, among them several prominent Americans.

Urges Better Bu-ness Methods.

Madison, Wis.-William H. Taft. formerly president of the United States, in the first of a series of lectures at the University of Wisconsin, urging better business principles in the operation of the federal government, said: "The nation has come to the servant problem by eliminating the the limit of its taxable resources, more efficient methods of administration are necessary to conserve national funds."

National Meeting of Y. W. C. A.

men's Christian Association is prepar-

ing for an effort to supplant with

morally uplifting articles the love and

beauty that are featured on the wo-

man's page of many daily papers, ac-

cording to the annual report of the na-

tional board at the association's fifth

national convention, which began a

"Love stuff." Mrs. Morris declared.

"was detrimental to the character of

the feminine readers of newspapers

week's session here Wednesday.

and unfit for young girls to read."

"There is no reason why our great He advocated, among other things. force of domestic workers should not the granting to the president of more be as happy as other girls," Miss initiative in legislation. Dodge said.

Appeal to United States. Los Angeles, Cal.—The Young Wo-

educated domestic scientist.

Washington-An appeal by Christian Chinese students and business men in the United States for moral support for China in the present crisis has been received at the White house and transmitted to the state department It was signed by twelve Christian Chinese of New York, Philadelphia and Chicago and was addressed as well to leading religious bodies in America.

The appeal argues that public opinion in the United States alone can help China in her present situation.

OF INTEREST TO ALL.

Gage county farmers have begun to plant corn.

Central City will have a fast amateur ball team this season.

Interstate passenger rate case is to be held in Chicago, June 9.

Miss May Sheldton was crowned May queen at Hastings college.

William Naper, 91, oldest resident of Mason City, died at Hastings. Mayor Allen C. Fisher of Chadron wants state to test 200 cattle there. L. C. Armstrong has decided to

Ainsworth. Dr. A. C. McKim of Norfolk has been appointed assistant state veterinarian.

erect a two-story brick building at

Despondent over ill health, Carl Peters, a Fremont carpenter, committed suicide

The Fiese Motor company is erecting a large cement block garage at West Point.

The date for the Nebraska Seed association meet at West Point is July 7, 8 and 9.

Fruit growers in the vicinity of Brownville are arranging to hold a strawberry carnival.

As a result of the recent election seven saloons in Kearney have closed for at least one year. The Potash Products company, lo-

cated near Alliance, will open for Not Disposed to Interpose in the business about June 1. During April, 6,564 motor vehicle

licenses were applied for at the office of the secretary of state. Warden Fenton announced that the new baseball grounds at the peniten-

tiary has been completed. The Beatrice Commercial club is backing a movement to secure a new county jail for Gage county.

A. R. Olson of Wisner has been appointed judge of the district court in the Ninth juddal district. A poultry department has been es-

tablished at the College of Agriculture, University Farm. Lincoln. The Omaha Commercial club has started a movement to establish a public hay market in that city.

Omaha, Lincoln and Beatrice interurban railway have renewed their application for reduced tax assessment. A new arsenal building for the na-

tional guard is to be erected on the state fair grounds at Lincoln, to cost \$3,500. The date of the next race meet

the Nebraska speed association, has been set for July 7, 8 and 9. United States Senator G. M. Hitchcock has accepted an invitation to

deliver an oration at the Fourth of July celebration at Hastings. The third annual Beef Producers' meeting will be held at the College of

the services of the United States were farm, Lincoln, May 19. The population of Hastings was temporarily depleted by more than 800 | The probability is, according to board lomatic settlement of the questions at when 104 families departed for the

beet fields of Colorado.

clubs, meeting in Lincoln. off to celebrate the opening of its

finest in the state. Wireless messages were sent and received by high school boys at North [will come in for attention. Lectures Platte with apparatus they had con- on public health and demonstrations structed for the benefit of the visitors at the school patrons' meeting at all towns visited.

held in that place recently. Incensed residents of Hastings dismiss charge against seven boys when they agreed to share in expense of scouring the high school after having will have the opportunity of chooscontaminated it with asafetida fumes during a public meeting.

Charles W. Bryan will be the next mayor of Lincoln, having been selected as one of the five members of the city commission at the municipal election last week. The proposition of Sunday theaters was defeated by a decisive vote.

H. G. Hellensick, cashier of the Harvard State bank, has filed articles of incorporation of the Harvard Union Elevator company, with the secretary of state. The company has a capital of \$25,000 and is backed by the Farmers' union.

Twenty-five thousand maps of the two through routes by way of Omaha from Chicago to the Panama exposition are being prepared by the Omaha Automobile club for distribution in the east among auto tourists who plan to visit the west this sum-

The organization of an amateur base ball league in Phelps county consisting of Elwood, Bertrand, Loomis and Holdrege has been completed. Each team will play two games a week, the schedule being arrange to allow one at home and the other abroad.

The state of Nebraska will claim the estate of George McCloud, Mc-Pherson county recluse, who died recently, leaving unclaimed property valued at \$10,000.

John Joseph was severely injured in an automobile accident near Wahoo when a dog ran in front of the car upsetting it and throwing the occupants out.

Mrs. Olive B. True has complicated matters in the race for the appointment of postmaster at Fairbury by circulating a petilton to secure the place herself.

CONDENSED NEWS STATE CROPS GOOD

WINTER WHEAT AND ALFALFA ESPECIALLY PROMISING.

GRASS MAKES GREAT GROWTH

Heavy Snows During Past Winter Has Wet Ground Deeper Than For Several Years.

Lincoln.-Nebraska crops and soil conditions were reported to be excellent in the state board of agriculture's bulletin, just issued. Winter wheat and alfalfa are especially promising, according to all reports reaching the state board from various sections of the state. The survey follows:

"The great amount of snow during the past winter, covering the ground continuously for a period extending from the middle of December to the latter part of March over the greater part of the state, prevented frost from penetrating but slightly into the ground and permitted nearly all of the melted snow to be absorbed. The ground is wet down to a greater depth than for several years past, therefore, a very little moisture is needed for finishing the grain crop, providing it comes at a seasonable

"From reports received, winter wheat is in excellent condition, the growth being further advanced and heavier than last year, when the record crop of the state was gathered. From every section of the state the most favorable reports have been re-

ceived. "The backward spring and wet fields have prevented early sowing of oats. On some high ground sowing was done as early as the middle of April, but a greater part of the crop was put in from the 20th to the last of the month. The early sown is showing through the ground nicely, as the condition of the soil is favorable to quick growth.

"Never in the history of the plant has alfalfa shown up to better advantage than at this time.

"Grass has made a wonderful growth in the past two weeks. Stockmen hail this fact with delight after a three months' period of feeding, something almost unknown heretoat West Point, under the auspices of fore in Nebraska. The long period of feeding taxed the farmers to the utmost, as they have not been in the habit of making such preparations; therefore, the stock came through in poorer condition than is customary."

Sanitary Survey of the State. Proposal to make an extensive and Agriculture and Experiment Station thorough sanitary survey of the state has been made by the board of secretaries of the state board of health. membrs, that the step cannot be taken at the present time because of

Small town commercial clubs are the lack of funds. That, however, is growing faster than clubs in larger | not expected to be a bar for many towns, according to experts at the years. The plan of the secretaries is State Association of Commercial to have a survey similar to the Dowling survey, which so startled the in-The town of Alliance took a day habitants of Louisiana two or three years ago. Sanitary trains will be new park. School was dismissed and run from town to town and the travall stores were closed. It is planned eling corps will visit each place and to make the new park one of the do the work entirely at first hand. Stores, residences, municipal water plants and garbage disposal concerns along the same line would be given

> Farmers May Choose Speakers. Points desiring agricultural short courses the coming fall and winter ing lecturers and demonstrations on the particular subjects they wish, providing they do not include subjects from more than three departments at the University Farm. The schedule for the season is being rapidly made up by the Extension Service of the College of Agriculture.

Fair Board Orders Improvements.

The board of managers of the state fair have authorized some general repair work on the hog barns and other buildings, the repainting of the big grandstand and the filling in of the old creek bed that runs through the southwest part of the grounds.

Olson Appointed New Judge. A. R. Olson of Wisner has ben appointed judge of the Ninth judicial district, the last legislature providing for an additional judge by taking Cuming and Stanton counties from the Eighth district and adding them to the Ninth.

Commander in-Chief to Speak. Commander-in-chief David J. Palmer of Washington, Ia., will speak May 18, at the thirty-ninth annual encampment of the G. A. R. of Nebraska to be held at Minden.

School Increasing Acre Yield.

The university school of agriculture has increased the yield of the average acre of Nebraska corn by about eighteen bushels, according to Dean E. A. Burnett of the school. The state has been divided into six zones and the farmers shown that each one of these zones, differing in its conditions, will best grow certain kinds of corn. The state is also conducting important work in the prevention of hog cholera, according to Dean Burnett.