

# LUSITANIA DID NOT CARRY GUNS

### Testimony Shows Steamship Was Not Armed and Was Never Fitted Out as Transport.

## ADMIRALTY BEGINS INQUIRY

LONDON, June 15.—"The Lusitania was not armed and it never was fitted out as a transport," was one of the remarks made by Sir Edward Carson, attorney general in the new cabinet, in addressing the court this morning at the opening of the Board of Trade inquiry into the loss of the Cunard liner.

Baron Mersey, president of the court of inquiry, is assisted by Admiral Sir Frederick Englefield and Lieutenant Commander Eearn as naval assessors and Captain Davies and Captain Speeding of the Mercantile Marine. Attorney General Carson and Frederick F. Smith represented the Board of Trade, while the Cunard company and the passengers of the Lusitania, including the late Alfred G. Vanderbilt, all were represented by counsel.

**Attorney General's Statement.**

Sir Edward Carson, who opened for the Board of Trade, said he courted the fullest inquiry. He was able to give complete denial to the contention of the German government that the Lusitania was an armed vessel carrying guns and serving as an auxiliary to the naval forces of Great Britain. "In my note to Germany," the speaker said, "the United States already has officially denied this, and the evidence I propose to call will confirm and fully prove the remarks of the American government that the Lusitania was not armed and that it never had been fitted out as a transport."

"Without warning a German submarine fired two torpedoes at the Lusitania and it is believed that a third projectile also was fired. Such an act was not only contrary to international law, but it is contrary to the dictates of civilization and humanity. To sink passengers in this manner was a deliberate attempt at murder."

"The real questions arising," the attorney general said, "are only two. First, as to the navigation of the ship having regard to the instructions and information conveyed by the admiralty; and second, as to whether everything was done that could be done after the ship was torpedoed."

**Captain Turner Testifies.**

Captain Turner of the Lusitania, examined by the attorney general, said his ship was not armed, either for offense or defense, and carried no masked guns. The captain estimated that ten seconds after the Lusitania was struck it was impossible to stand on deck. He said the three difficulties in rescuing passengers were the lift of the ship, its headway, which carried it two or three miles after being struck, and the shortness of time.

The captain testified he had given orders to look out for submarines and to proceed at full speed if any were sighted. He said the boats had been swung out the morning of the day preceding the torpedoing. Two lookouts were placed in the crew's nest, two at the bows and two officers on the bridge.

Speaking of modern steamship hands, the captain said they were not as efficient as the old-fashioned sailormen, who would have been more effective in the work of rescue. He said he did not see Mr. Vanderbilt.

At this juncture the public hearing was suspended while the court took evidence by camera regarding the instructions of the admiralty.

## U. S. JUDGE ORDERS BREAKERS ON CARS

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perished motormen for elevated and surface cars, presumably as strike breakers for the street car strike in Chicago.

Up to an early hour this afternoon 600 strike breakers had left this city for Chicago. Their transportation, it was said, was paid by the Chicago traction interests.

## FIGHT FOR TRAIN PLACES

Minority Riots at Suburban Stations and Around Jitters.

CHICAGO, June 15.—A burst of real June sunshine cheered the army of Chicagoans, who because of the street railway strike went to their occupations today in automobiles, vans, delivery wagons and on foot.

The suburban service of the steam railroads, upon which unprecedented burden was thrust by the strike yesterday, provided more accommodations today, but all trains were jammed with passengers.

At the Gross Park station of the Chicago & Northwestern a large crowd which had been unable to obtain a foot-hold on earlier trains, or even to buy tickets, broke through a barbed wire fence onto the train. Thirty men found seats on the coal tender and ten more in the engine cab, the running boards and the cowcatcher. It was all done good-naturally.

Elevated trains at the northern and southern terminals started out at 9 o'clock with detectives, but with few passengers aboard. It was stated that an attempt to maintain a fifteen-minute schedule would be made until midnight. No disorder attended the starting of the first trains.

No attempts to run surface cars were made early, nor were any prosecuted. Strikers congregated in an orderly manner at the buses and terminals.

In Milwaukee avenue, which runs through a congested district, there were several fights among men crowding to get into the "jitneys" or other vehicles, but none was serious.

**No Definite Promise of Peace.**

No definite promise of peace was in sight. The anti-strike breaker ordinance passed by the city council last night was placed in the hands of Mayor Thompson. He has a week in which to veto it, or to make it a law by his signature.

It provides that a certain period of training must be given motormen and conductors and that their instructors shall be men who have had three years' experience, twelve months of which has been in Chicago.

His signs, advising of the destination and charge for rides, were posted today on motor buses, or wagons, motor driven road wagons, furniture trucks, and thousands of "jitneys," which constituted a rushing business. The standard price

## Wears Only Hero Medal Ever Given by National Order of the T. P. A.

Charles T. Neff, Post G, Indiana Division, Travelers Protective association, has the distinction of wearing the only medal awarded by the association to any of its 31,000 members for heroism.

It was presented to him at the national convention in Buffalo in 1906, about two weeks after the event in which he won it. This was a fire which broke out on an excursion boat in which the members' wives and families of Post G were going down the Wabash.

The flames burst out of the engine room. Neff, who, by the way, was and is secretary and treasurer of the volunteer fire department, was standing at the front of the boat. He made a dive for the fire, which was running swiftly toward a tank filled with gasoline. The captain's wife handed him a fire extinguisher, which he played on the flames at risk of his life.

While he was thus occupied an explosion took place, which hurled him into a skiff tied by the side of the boat. Following this, the other excursionists formed a bucket brigade and finally succeeded in putting out the flames. His hands and head were badly burned.

Mr. Neff comes from the recently wicked city of Terre Haute. But it is, no longer wicked. He is, himself, a member of the mayor's advisory board, which is made up of nine prominent business men. "Mayor James M. Gosson, who was comptroller under Roberts, is enforcing the laws strictly," said Mr. Neff. "The saloons observe the law. The gamblers are completely out of business."

Mr. Neff has two boyhood friends in Omaha. They are Sam Greenleaf and "Dad" Weaver.

"Sam and I worked together in the hub factory in Terre Haute when we were small boys," said Mr. Neff. "It was an awful place for dust. At the end of the week the dust would be from three to five inches deep on the floor. And we inhaled that dust for the princely sum of 33 a week. My other friend, now living in Omaha, was 'Rus' Weaver, whom I find here rechristened 'Dad' and secretary of your A. S. B. B. in many a parade I marched behind him as he beat the drum. He was a drummer boy there in war times."

Mr. Neff has a number of other distinctions. He holds the record in Terre Haute for conducting a business continuously in one place. His jewelry store has been in the same location for forty-three years.

for being carried two miles or more so 10 cents, if on foot. Where improvised seats were furnished it was 25 cents was charged.

**Suburban Trains Crowded.**

Railroads which operate suburban service were unable to handle the crush of passengers, although many trains were added. It was estimated that more than 300,000 persons were carried on steam roads yesterday, more than 20 per cent increase over their normal business.

Contrary to expectations, downtown theaters did a rushing business last night, but the amusement parks in the outlying districts lost heavily. The largest of the amusement parks, it was announced, will remain closed until the strike is settled. Others also are expected to close.

Managers of big department stores said the volume of business was not much below normal, as thousands had shopped by telephone. The telephone company had an increase of 90 per cent in the number of calls, 3,000,000 being received yesterday.

**Woman Leaves Train.**

A woman who did not know there was a strike was the first to enter the second train leaving the Wilson avenue terminal of the Northwestern elevated. Reporters asked her name and destination.

"My goodness! What's the matter? Everybody looks at one so. Is everybody crazy?" she replied. The situation was explained and she left the car and found a seat in a furniture van. Two other women also boarded the train, but left it when informed that the strike was not over.

The telephone cable of the Metropolitan elevated was cut last night at Marshall avenue. It was the first damage to property since the strike began.

**Urgo Men to Stay Sober.**

President Quinan of the surface men, and President Bruce of the Union of Elevated Employees are making numerous speeches to the men, urging them to remain sober.

"Don't let whisky defeat this strike. That's the keynote of my speeches," said Quinan today.

W. D. Mahon, head of the national organization of street car men, changed his mind at the last moment about going to Detroit and will remain here for the present. He expected to attend a conference of the employees with the alternative committees today.

## Tornado Clouds Sweep Over Adams County

HASTINGS, Neb., June 15.—Two distinct tornado clouds swept over a part of Adams county last evening. The wind, so far as learned, did no great damage, but the hailstorm which followed devastated a section of farming country fifteen miles long and five or six miles wide. The forces of the hail stones, which were very large, was terrific. North and west windows were broken, trees were stripped of foliage, fruit trees bared and gardens ruined. The wheat crop is a complete loss. On the north side of buildings hail was piled up a foot deep.

## STOCKMEN AND SHERIFFS MEETING AT ALLIANCE

ALLIANCE, Neb., June 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Cattlemen from all parts of Nebraska, Wyoming and South Dakota are in attendance at the annual convention of the Western Nebraska Stock Growers' association, which opened here today for a three days' session. State sheriffs are also holding a convention.

After a short business session today the delegates were entertained at the fair grounds by the usual frontier games, riding and broncho busting.

The C. A. Wortham Carnival company occupies the streets in the business section for the entertainment of the delegates and visitors.

Auto polo players arrived from Chicago this afternoon and will be a feature.

Congressman M. F. Kinkaid is here in attendance at the stockmen's and sheriffs' convention.

Besides the stock growers, Alliance is entertaining the state sheriffs' convention today and Wednesday. On account of the failure of some of the delegates to reach here the executive session was



CHARLES T. NEFF.

He is organizer and president of the Half Century Resident club, requirements for membership in which are fifty years of residence in Terre Haute. He is organizer and president of the Old and New Newboys' association, a club that is unique. At a recent reunion of this organization there were 1,800 in line, boys and girls, men and women, ranging in age from 3 to 84 years.

Mr. Neff is also vice president of the Retail Merchants' association and of the Commercial club.

One of his particular friends in Terre Haute is George W. Greenleaf, a brother of Sam Greenleaf, of Omaha. The Terre Haute Greenleaf is a member of the school board.

In short, Mr. Neff is about the liveliest "live wire" in or about the once wicked city of the Wabash.

postponed until tomorrow, the delegates present being shown about the city by the Alliance Commercial club. About fifty sheriffs are expected here tomorrow.

## DEATH RECORD

Mrs. P. F. Peterson.

LINDSAY, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—Mrs. P. F. Peterson of Burlington, Colo., was buried at the West Dane Lutheran cemetery yesterday. She was about 35 years old and leaves a husband and five children.

**St. Joseph Club on Tour.**

FAIRBURY, Neb., June 15.—(Special Telegram.)—The Commerce club of St. Joseph, conveying eighty-two tourists and hand, reached Fairbury late this afternoon and spent forty minutes in the city before leaving for Nelson.

The Commerce club will make a tour of Nebraska, going as far west as Orleans and then north to Holdrege and back to Hastings and Orest.

**Loan City School Elections.**

LOUP CITY, Neb., June 15.—(Special.)—E. G. Taylor, president of the Board of Education, and J. B. O'Brien, who has occupied the same position, were elected directors of the school board at the annual school meeting held here Monday. The district debt was ordered paid.

Apartments, flats, houses and cottages can be rented quickly and cheaply by a Bee "For Rent."

## Sunday's Secretary Leaves the Service of the Evangelist

PHILADELPHIA, June 15.—(Special Telegram.)—Bentley Ackley, who became widely known as Billy Sunday's right hand man, secretary and pianist in the recent revival here, has resigned from the Sunday forces, because, he says, other members of the organization less deserving than he received vast profits, in one case aggregating \$20,000, from the writing and publication of hymns, the sale of hymn books and the disposition of other privileges connected with the revivals.

Walter Fenley, third vice president of the New Jersey Liquor Dealers' association, has been a close friend of the former Sunday aide for a long time, and he not only was a visitor at the Sunday party's residence during the campaign here, but also was once the personal guest of Mr. Ackley in Paterson, N. J.

Immediately following the announcement of Ackley's resignation, it was learned that the Rev. E. H. Emmet, Sunday's confidential advance agent, had also severed his connection with the evangelist's entourage. The advance man, it is said, was summarily fired by Sunday's son, George, at the close of the Paterson campaign, the grounds given then being that "he was too independent."

From certain other sources, it was learned that Messrs. Ackley and Emmet

may not be the only Billy Sunday paid workers to break away from the organization. And it almost is a certainty that the departure of these two men, who were highly important cogs in the evangelist's machine, will mean the eventual disruption of the entire party.

## FIREMEN WILL GO TO YANKTON NEXT YEAR

BELLE FOURCHIE, S. D., June 15.—(Special.)—At the South Dakota State Firemen's association Pierre was awarded the silver loving cup, given to the team winning the most points. The combination hook and ladder race was won by Lead and Hot Springs, and the two teams unanimously voted that the \$100 purse, which this event carried, be given to Rhorer and Hill, the two members of the Pierre team, who were hurt in the Wednesday races. The association adopted a new constitution and elected the following officers: President, C. B. Freney of Yankton; vice president, F. J. Hooper of Rapid City; secretary, A. O. Olding of Redfield; treasurer, W. S. O'Brien of Pierre; directors, P. H. Coquillette of Miller, three years; John Mueller of Hot Springs, two years; Matt Behren of Parkston, one year. Yankton was selected for the 1916 tournament.

## AMUSEMENTS.

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