

SUNK WITHOUT WARNING.

GERMAN SUBMARINE SENDS LUSITANIA TO BOTTOM.

Ship Sank Within Fifteen Minutes and Two-thirds of Passengers and Crew Perished—Most Brutal Crime of the Most Brutal Age of History.

London, May 8.—The Cunard Line's Lusitania, which sailed out of New York last Saturday with more than 2,000 souls 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 having 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.

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

The Lusitania was steaming along about ten 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 speedily filled with passengers.

A wireless call for help was sent out and immediately rescue boats of all kinds were sent out, both from the neighboring points along the coast and Queenstown.

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

Old Head Kinsale, where Great Britain's fastest merchant vessel went down, is 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 Cunard line, whose boast is that it has never lost a passenger in the Atlantic service, has lost the ship that dodged the lurking enemy of Nantucket light the day after the war was declared, and later startled the world by flying the Stars and Stripes. The British admiralty is discouraging the publication of surmises and guesses regarding the dead and injured.

Even before deaths are known the British press is asking editorially what will the United States say to this event and now will she hold Germany to the "strict accountability" mentioned in previous diplomatic correspondence.

GREENWOOD ROGERS REPRIVED

Execution of Negro Convicted of Murder in Laurens County Delayed to August.

Columbia, May 7.—Gov. Manning this morning reprived Greenwood Rogers, a negro under sentence of death, who was to have been electrocuted at 11 o'clock, to August 4th. Rogers was convicted in Laurens for murder.

VILLA WINS VICTORY.

Defeats Carranzistas Inflicting Loss of Sixteen Hundred Killed and Wounded.

Chihuahua, May 10.—Obregon's left wing was completely shattered by Villistas near Leon Saturday. Gen. Villa is now pressing on the center. The Carranzistas lost six hundred killed and thousand wounded.

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REFLECTION ON PERSONAL LIBERTY.

J. C. Dunbar Discusses Relation of European War to Price of Next Cotton Crop—The Bob Jones Meeting.

Editor Daily Item:

Yes sir, we have it dry; so much so that some of our blind tigers have about dried and we cannot get a taste of that old time honest juice, which stimulates and energizes mankind to that hilarious state of happiness which passeth all understanding. Those good old eye-openers which we have so much enjoyed in the past seem to have taken their flight to parts unknown and we are left to grieve over the joyful incidents of the past. Why, the great inconveniences, which we are undergoing under the conditions now prevailing, make us feel that our personal liberties are being hampered and our patriotic ire is being somewhat aroused. We believe in that principle "of the people, by the people and for the people," and we would like it to be understood that we are some of the people and our personal liberties, that great heritage, for which our forefathers fought, bled and died, before transmitting it to us, must not be entramped. We are Democrats around here and we love our liberties and propose to enjoy them. We are just as patriotic as other people and as ready to face the cannon, provided it is as empty as Mark Twain, or anybody else, if it does not affect our personal liberties. You know, liberty is a Democratic principle, conceived and born among a people who stood for equal rights to all and special privileges to none, but it does not say a word about personal privileges and personal liberties. This is a late day to overthrow the fabric of a government, the principle of which her people have proclaimed with exulting pride and joy for a century or more. Liberty, yes sir, personal liberty is our theme. We have preached it on our banner high, and we propose to stand by it until, until—yes sir, our appetites are gratified by those Bacchanalian juices and influences, which have been in the past such a potent factor in civilizing and Christianizing the world and making it happy. Patrick Henry said "Give me liberty or give me death." The people around here prefer liberty.

We are delighted to know that you have Bob Jones, the evangelist, with you and we wish to warn the committee of arrangements in time, that if the tabernacle is not large enough to accommodate everybody, they had better get busy and build a shed, for we country folks are coming. We have always thought the Jones were as good as other people and voted for one for governor in 1912. Before Bob gets through with that meeting in Sumter, we expect we will think that he is better than some. Of course there will be a lot of snipe shooters out banging away at him as that class likes to turn their prices on big game, should any happen to be flying around, but their ammunition and guns are too weak to affect position, and he, ignoring their puny efforts, will push his campaign for good by shooting above them and landing his projectiles of righteousness into the camp of an enemy of greater importance, many of whom will be stamped and take refuge in the great principles which he is so earnestly promulgating. Billy Sunday says "The man who can drive a hog and keep his religion will stand without hitching." We don't know about that, but we know that we have some hogs who think they are as good as other folks.

In discussing the engines of death and destruction used in the European war, we said we had seen where the Germans had a gun which consumed a bale of cotton every time it was fired and that we wished at the time of seeing the statement that they would build a thousand that they might use a thousand bales of cotton where they were using one. In the discussion someone remarked that they had five thousand now. After thinking over his statement and calculating the amount of cotton it would take to keep those guns in active operation for three hundred days, each gun using twenty bales of cotton per day, we came to the conclusion that it was burning cotton some and that we would get a fair price for the staple the coming season, if that fellow didn't belong to the Ananias Club.

Now, Mr. Editor, we fear we are imposing on your space and good nature and will close this epistle, if you will give us consideration enough to publish it, we will promise you like Pat did the Lord when his wife got sick. He prayed "O Lord, my wife is sick and sick bad and I will promise you now, if you will have mercy on me and her and restore her to health, not to bother you again soon."

J. C. Dunbar.
Dalzell, May 5.

Tokio, May 7.—Authentic assurances were received today that the war between Japan and China had been avoided. China has decided definitely to grant the Japanese demands.

Girl's Tomato Club, Sumter County

MISS MARY LEMMON, County Agent

To Canning Club Members:

You have already received letters 543 and 591 in which you were told how to select and prepare your tenth acre, how to make hot beds, cold frames and seed boxes, how to transplant, fertilize, and cultivate your tomatoes. You may, at some time during the season, have troubles with tomato diseases. You must understand that you can much more easily and cheaply take steps to keep your plants healthy than you can cure them after they become diseased. In fact, if the soil in which you plant your vegetables is infected with some of these diseases, you cannot hope to have healthy plants. It is too late to apply remedies after you see the trouble. You have already been told not to use soil for hot beds or cold frames in which diseased tomatoes grew last year.

Rules for Preventing Tomato Diseases.

Please read and follow carefully.

1. Rotation of crops—do not plant tomatoes in the same soil oftener than once in three years. Find what crop was on the land last year and look out for diseases of other plants which may also infect tomatoes. One of the most serious of these is root-knot which occurs in sandy soils. You can tell it by the knots or galls on the roots. These are caused by very tiny worms called nematodes. Root-knot attacks cotton, cowpeas, melons, okra, beets, tomatoes, potatoes, and other plants. Soil can only be freed from this pest by planting it for two or three years in crops which are not attacked by the root-knot, such as Iron cowpeas, corn, oats, velvet bean, and peanuts. Be sure that you do not plant your tomatoes where any crop was infected with root-knot last year.
2. Avoid use of fresh manure. If you did not have well rotted manure plowed under last fall, it will be best not to use any. Using fresh manure in the spring will probably cause disease among your plants.
3. Spray healthy plants with Bordeaux mixture to protect from disease.
4. Keep plants in good condition by careful cultivation.
5. Pull up and burn all diseased plants promptly.

Spraying Tomatoes.

To get the best results, spraying with Bordeaux Mixture should be begun while the plants are young. Spray once about five days before transplanting, then again five days after transplanting and repeat every ten days until the fruit is full grown. A hard rain will frequently wash off the mixture and make it necessary to spray again. Five sprayings should be given during the season. Ten gallons of spray mixture will be necessary for each spraying. Five pounds blue-stone and five pounds of fresh stone lime will be enough for the season. Secure these supplies at the beginning of the season. Have the blue-stone divided into five one pound lots. The entire quantity of lime may be slaked at the beginning by adding water slowly until all the lumps are slaked with a little water over it. As long as it is covered with water it is good, but if it is exposed to the air it will dry out and become air slaked. Lime which has been air slaked cannot be used in Bordeaux Mixture.

To make Bordeaux Mixture, for each spraying:

Copper sulphate, (blue-stone), 1 lb. Quick lime, 1 lb. Water, 10 gallons.

Making Blue-Stone Solution.

Put 5 gallons of water in a wooden tub. Tie the blue-stone in a coarse sack and hang it in this water near the top. Do not use a metal vessel because the action of the blue-stone on the metal will ruin the vessel. Allow several hours for the blue-stone to dissolve. This can be done more quickly by using hot water.

Making Lime Solution.

Take one-fifth of the lime which has been slaked by water and mix thoroughly in 5 gallons of water.

Mixing.

Bordeaux Mixture is made out of equal parts of these two solutions. It is important that they be carefully mixed, and that only as much of the mixture be made as can be used at one spraying. Have the lime solution in one vessel and the copper sulphate solution in another. Have ready a third tub or other wooden vessel. Stir the solution well before using. Let two people pour the two solutions into the third vessel at the same time, stirring constantly to insure thorough mixing. Always stir the Bordeaux Mixture before putting into the sprayer.

To be of value, spraying must be thoroughly done. The spray mixture must cover the under side of the leaves as well as the upper.

For the tenth acre, a bucket spray pump costing about \$2.00 or a knap-sack sprayer costing about \$5.00, will

be satisfactory. Every farm should have one of these sprayers, which can be used for many purposes and will more than pay for itself in one year. Wash the spray pump thoroughly after each using.

You will find below a chart which gives a description of some of the more important diseases of the tomato and ways of preventing them.

Sincerely yours,
Mary E. Creswell,

Assistant in Girls' Demonstration Work.

Acknowledgment is made to Dr. W. A. Orton, in charge of Truck Disease Investigations, and to the publications of the Louisiana, Florida, and Virginia Experiment Stations, for aid in the preparation of this letter.

Information Concerning Tomato Disease.

Tomato Wilt (Fusarium)—Roots: Rotten or black inside; Stem, outside normal, inside black; Leaves, turn yellow and die; Fruit, ripen prematurely; Means of Infection, Etc., Fungus in soil attacks root and stem; Prevention or Control: Rotation of crops. Burn diseased plants.

Early blight (Alternaria Solani)—Roots: Normal; Stem: Sometimes sunken black spots; Leaves: Brown or black spots; leaves die and fall; Fruit: Often black circular rotten spots; Means of Infection, Etc: Wind and insects carry spores to leaves; Other plants infected: Probably causes the Irish potato blight; Prevention or Control: Spray with Bordeaux Mixture. Burn diseased plants.

Root-knot—Roots: Galls or knots; Stem: Normal; Leaves: Gradually turn yellow; Means of Infection, Etc., Nematodes in soil; Other Plants Infected: (Many others (see list above); Prevention or Control: Grow crops not attacked by root-knot for 2 or 3 years.

Sclerotium blight—Roots: Normal; Stem: Covered near soil with white mold; Leaves: Wilt gradually from top downward; Fruit: Normal; Means of Infection, Etc: Fungus in soil; Other plants infected: Peppers; Prevention or Control: Prune and stake to allow air to circulate near ground; rotate crops.

Southern Tomato-blight (Bacterial)—Roots: Normal; Stem: Slightly discolored on inside; Leaves: Wilt rapidly; Fruit: Normal; Means of Infection, Etc. Carried to leaves mainly by biting and sucking insects; Other Plants Infected: Irish potatoes, eggplant, weeds of same family; Prevention or Control: Burn infected plants; spray with Bordeaux Mixture.

Leaf spot (Septoria)—Roots: Normal; Stem: Normal; Leaves: Small black spots at first; later whole leaf dies; lower leaves attacked first; Fruit: Normal; Means of Infection, Etc: Entrance through leaves; growth favored by rainy weather; Prevention or Control: Spray with Bordeaux Mixture.

Downy mildew (Phytophthora)—Stem: Turns black and dies; often covered with whitish growth; Leaves: Leaves attacked first, suddenly die and turn black; Fruit: Brown rot. Tissue near stem first turns black and shrivels; Means of Infection, Etc: Usually occurs with septoria; Other Plants Infected: Probably cause late blight of Irish potatoes; Prevention or control: Spray with Bordeaux. Burn infected plants.

Blossom end rot—Roots: Normal; Stem: Normal; Leaves: Normal; Fruit: Large sunken black or greenish spots on end; Means of Infection, Etc: Worse in dry weather; Prevention or Control: No remedy known except irrigation.

Anthraxose ripe rot—Roots: Normal; Stem: Normal; Leaves: Normal; Fruit: Large sunken spots, soft rapid decay; Means of Infection, Etc: Worse in rainy weather; Prevention or Control: Preventive measures only; collect and destroy diseased fruit. Prune plants to admit light and air.

Notice.

Any one wishing to use tin cans for canning this summer may secure them from W. B. Burns & Son, Sumter, S. C. Mr. Burns will handle a car load and will sell them cheaper than they have been sold before in Sumter. He will also handle the Home Canner from Home Canner Manufacturing Co., Hickory, N. C. This canner is recommended more highly than any other for canning in the home.

The Bountiful bush bean may be secured from DeLorme's Pharmacy, Sumter, S. C.

RECEPTION TO LADIES.

Mesdames, Jones, McKenzie, Allison and Melnard Guests of Honor Saturday Afternoon.

A very enjoyable social affair of the past week was the reception on Saturday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. G. A. Lemmon. Mrs. Rob Jones, Mrs. Edward McKenzie, Mrs. Allison and Mrs. G. H. Melnard, the ladies of the Bob Jones evangelistic party, were the guests of honor. In the receiving line with these ladies were Mrs. G. A. Lemmon and Mrs. H. M. Stuckey. Mrs. Sydney Stubbs and Mrs. H. G. Osteen introduced the guests as they arrived, more than one

hundred calling between 5.30 and 6.30 in the afternoon.

Delightful music was a feature of the entertainment. Mrs. H. M. Stuckey, Mrs. McKenzie, Miss Gladys Turner, Miss Pauline Haynsworth, were among those to participate in the musical program. Mrs. Allison gave a short but pleasing talk. Refreshments were served, after which the guests departed for their homes, delighted with the afternoon's entertainment.

SUMTER 1; MARION 1.

From The Daily Item, May 8.

Game Played Despite Weather—Stops at Close of End of Fourth Inning.

The Sumter and Marion school teams carried out their schedule yesterday, playing after the rain had stopped. Only four innings were played, the game being called to give the visitors time to catch their train back home. The result was a tie and the strength of the opposing teams as judged by the exhibition about even. The Marion boys have a winning ball club and are bidding for High School Championship. The local manager is arranging to have them return to Sumter for a third game later and just who is who and why will be seen then.

Batteries: Sumter, Nunnemaker and Burns; Marion, Williams and Hunter. Umpire, Miller.

Tien Tsin, May 7.—The Japanese minister to China is prepared to leave Peking. Japanese troops are moving northward over the Manchurian railway which connects Peking with the Trans-Siberian system. Russia has massed a large army in Mongolia to

cooperate with Japan if war is declared. It is reported that Japanese and Chinese troops have already clashed at Tsinan.

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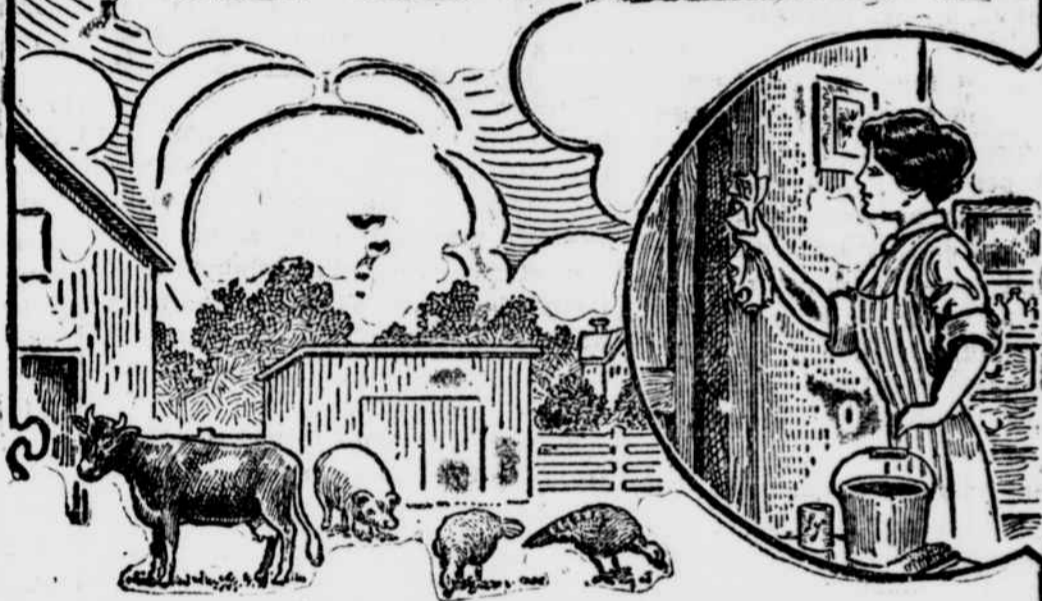
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