

U. S. OFFICIALS MAKE INQUIRY

Consul Frost and Attaches Interview Survivors.

DR. FISHER BLAMES LINE

Brother Of Former Secretary Of Interior Says Neither Discipline Nor Precautions Were Up To The Standard.

Queenstown.—Wesley Frost, United States Consul at Cork, is obtaining affidavits concerning all the material facts of the torpedoing of the Cunard liner Lusitania from Miss Jessie Taft Smith, of Braceville, Ohio; Dr. Howard Fisher, of New York, and Robert Rankin, of New York.

These survivors will cable to the State Department at Washington about 300 words each.

Captains Miller and Cassel, attaches of the American Embassy in London, arrived here and conferred with Consul Frost.

No Hope For Missing.

Most of the survivors are leaving Queenstown. There is little hope here that additional survivors will be found.

Representatives of the Pearson family claimed the body of Dr. F. S. Pearson. They also visited the morgues searching for the body of Mrs. Pearson, who is missing.

Marine Superintendent Dodd of the Cunard Line declared that he had little hope that any survivors would turn up at isolated parts along the coast. He believed that the death list would remain about the same as had been estimated.

The only problem now was to identify some of the dead in the morgues. The body of J. C. Brodick had been falsely tagged in the morgue as that of the purser of the Lusitania. (No J. C. Brodick appears on the passenger list, although a C. T. Brodick, of Boston, was in the first cabin of the Lusitania.)

Injured survivors of the Lusitania are reported to be progressing. Among the volunteer doctors none has been more busy than Dr. Fisher, who was rescued after being in the water three hours.

Dr. Fisher Treats Injured.

Dr. Fisher now numbers among his patients Lady Mackworth, of Cardiff, who is suffering from the result of being a long time in the water; Lady Allan, of Montreal, who has a broken collar-bone, and Dr. Fisher's sister-in-law, Miss Dorothy Conner, who also is a cousin of Henry L. Stimson, ex-Secretary of War of the United States.

Miss Conner was standing beside Lady Mackworth when they were flung into the water as the ship keeled over. Both women were provided with life belts and were picked up when at the point of exhaustion.

Dr. Fisher, who is a brother of Walter L. Fisher, formerly Secretary of the Interior of the United States, was on his way to Belgium for Red Cross duty. His story follows:

"It is not true that those on board were unconcerned over the possibility of being torpedoed. I took the big liner to save time and also because in case of a floating mine I felt she would have more chance of staying up. But like everybody else aboard I felt sure in case of being torpedoed that we would have ample time to take to the boats.

Discipline Below Standard.

"I do not know what case is being made out for the Cunard people, but I cannot say that either discipline or precautions were up to the standard."

BERLIN PUTS ALL BLAME ON CUNARD LINE OWNERS.

Berlin.—The following official communication was issued here:

"The Cunard liner Lusitania was yesterday torpedoed by a German submarine and sunk.

"The Lusitania was naturally armed with guns, as were recently most of the English mercantile steamers. Moreover, as is well known here, she had large quantities of war material in her cargo.

"Her owners, therefore, knew to what danger the passengers were exposed. They alone bear all the responsibility for what has happened.

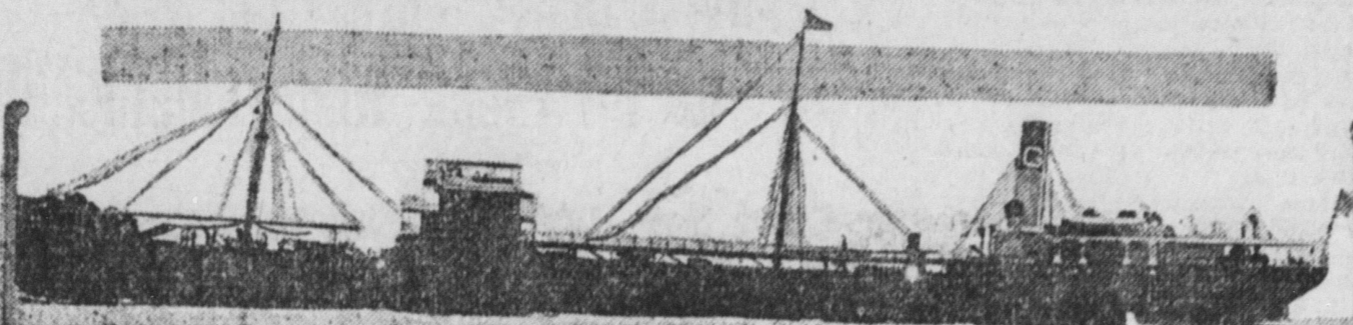
"Germany, on her part, left nothing undone to repeatedly warn them. The Imperial Ambassador in Washington went so far as to make a public warning, so as to draw attention to this danger. The English press sneered then at the warning and relied on the protection of the British fleet to safeguard Atlantic traffic."

TAFT DEFERS TO WILSON.

Confident President Will Follow a Wise and Patriotic Course.

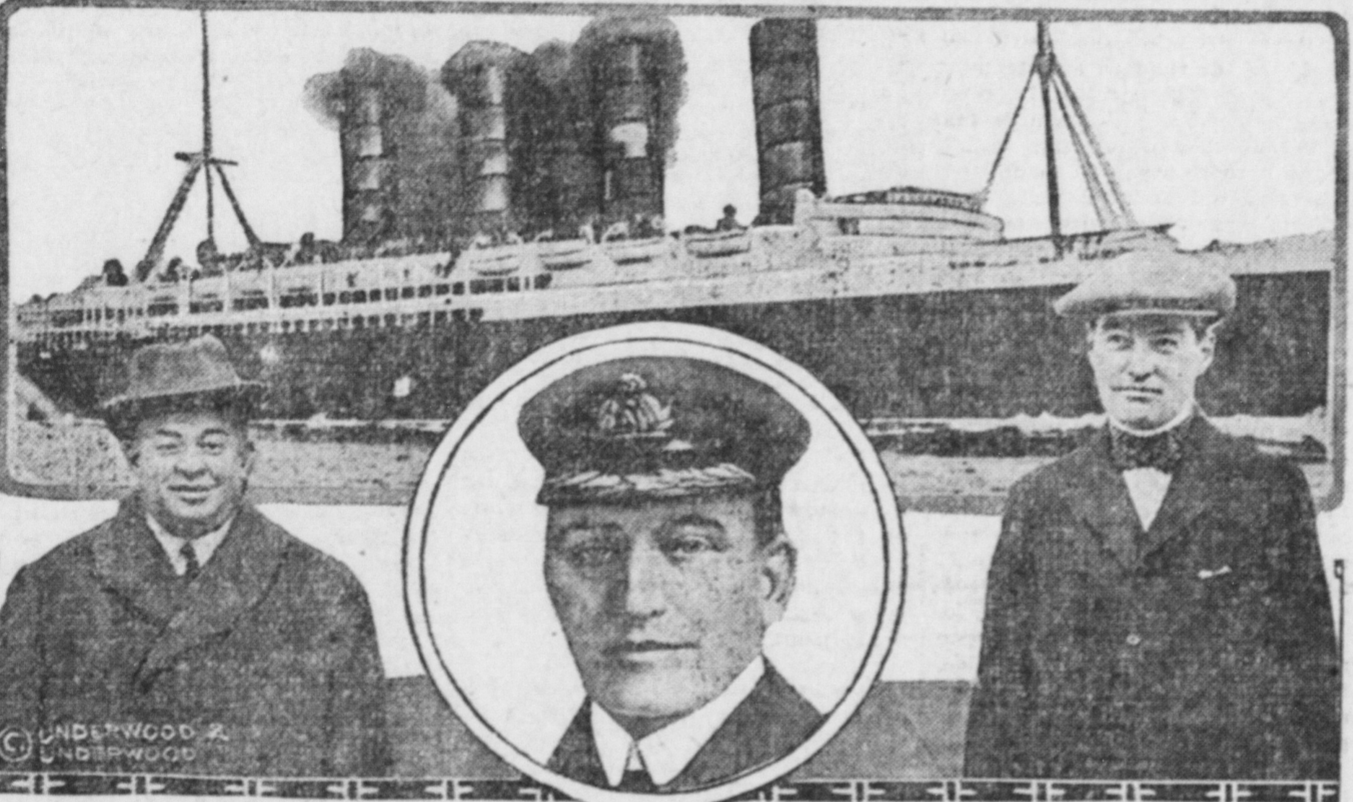
Milwaukee.—"The news of the sinking of the Lusitania is most distressing," said former President Taft on his arrival here from Madison. "It presents a situation of the most difficult character, properly awakening great national concern. I do not wish to embarrass the President or the Administration by a discussion of the subject at this stage of the information except to express confidence that the President will follow a wise and patriotic course."

AMERICAN SHIP BLOWN UP BY GERMANS



American tank steamer Gullflight, which was blown up by a German torpedo or mine off the Scilly Islands. Below, at the left, is its commander, Capt. Alfred Gunter, who died of heart failure; at the right, Charles C. Short of Chicago, wireless operator, who jumped overboard and was drowned.

GREAT ATLANTIC LINER SUNK BY THE GERMANS



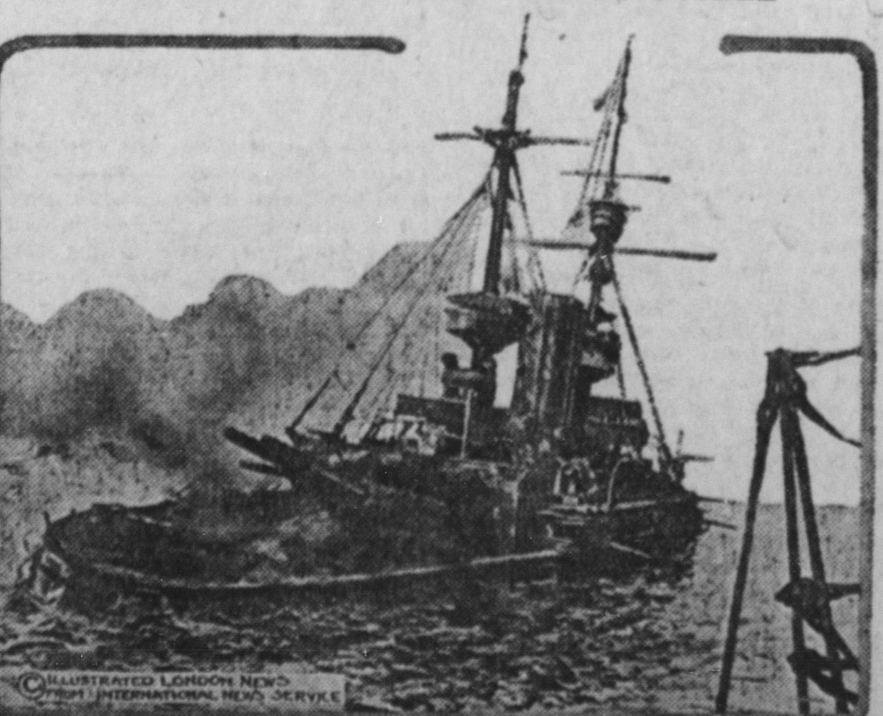
Magnificent Cunard liner Lusitania torpedoed and sunk by the Germans off the coast of Ireland. Below, in the center, is the captain of the vessel, W. T. Turner; at the left and right, two of the most distinguished of the Americans aboard, respectively Charles Frohman, the theatrical manager, and Alfred G. Vanderbilt.

DRIVER OF SUFFRAGE AUTOMOBILE



Miss Virginia Watrous, daughter of Mrs. Antoinette Funk of the National American Woman Suffrage association, is to drive a big automobile carrying suffrage campaigners through New Jersey this summer. The campaigners will be her mother, Mrs. Medill McCormick, Mrs. Winston Churchill and Mrs. Martha S. Kimball. Another of the party will be Miss Watrous' bull terrier, who rejoices in the name of Votes, and is to be seen in this picture.

SINKING OF THE IRRESISTIBLE



This remarkable photograph shows the British warship Irresistible as it was sinking in the Dardanelles after striking a Turkish mine.

COL. CORNELIUS VANDERBILT



Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt, chairman of the mayor's committee in charge of the welcome of New York to the officers and men of the Atlantic fleet during the May maneuvers.

Where Religions Flourish.

There is a church for every thousand inhabitants in the large cities of the anthracite region of Pennsylvania, and nearly the same proportion in the rural communities. Scranton, with its 129,867 citizens, has 129 churches, representing 22 different religions. Wilkes-Barre, with its 67,105 citizens, has 66 churches of 14 denominations. In Hazleton, with 25,452 inhabitants, there are 33 churches of nine different denominations. Among the 175,000 mine workers there are Russians, Austrians, Irishmen, Germans, Italians, Welshmen, Englishmen, Hungarians, Scotchmen, Swedes, Canadians, Swedes, Turks, Frenchmen, Greeks, Roumanians, Danes, Norwegians, Dutchmen, Belgians, Finns and a dozen minor races.

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STATE LAW MAKERS

Attorney's Lien Bill Made Law.
Harrisburg.—Approval was given by Governor Brumbaugh to the House bill providing that an attorney shall have a lien for his compensation upon his client's cause of action, claim or counter-claim which shall attach to award, verdict, order or other form of judgment. The bill also provides that the lien shall not be affected by any compromise or settlement before or after judgment.

The Governor also signed the bill prohibiting the use or sale of any balloons made or intended to contain fire for purposes of ascension. This measure will not apply to any balloon in which a person ascends, but is intended to forbid the paper balloons frequently used at night.

The Governor approved the Graham House bill amending the Superior Court Act of 1895 so that the rank and seniority of the judges shall be determined by "continuous length of service" as a member of the court. The bill also provides that the court may at its discretion designate two of the members to write opinions during the sessions and that these members shall not be required to sit at hearings and removes the mandatory provision that the court must meet at least once a year in Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Harrisburg, Scranton and Williamsport, providing that the place of sittings may be optional with the court. Another provision is that compensation of protonotaries shall be authorized by the Act of 1909.

Regulations for insurance in Pennsylvania on the Lloyds plan are provided in the bill approved by Governor Brumbaugh. It places the control of associations or individuals engaged in such business under control of the Insurance Commissioner, who is required to ask bonds to be filed with his department. The Governor also signed the Senate bill providing that policies of life insurance or annuities taken out for the benefit of or assigned to wife, children or other relative shall be exempt from all claims of creditors.

The Governor also signed these Senate bills:
Regulating sale of whisky mixed with coffee.
Regulating method of practicing veterinary medicine and issuance of licenses for its various branches.
Senate bill providing a chief bookkeeper for the Auditor General's Department, at a salary of \$2,500; an assistant chief bookkeeper, at \$2,000; two bookkeepers and an additional traveling auditor, at \$1,800 each.

Senate bill supplementing Act of 1906 by providing that debt of municipalities consolidated shall be paid by the consolidated city and for the levying of a uniform tax to pay it. These House bills were approved:
Fixing salaries of Associate Judges not learned in the law at \$5 per day, employed, \$600 a year being established as the minimum.

Establishing method of registration of master plumbers in first-class cities where plumbers failed to register under Act of 1911.
Providing for schools for education of female children under jurisdiction of Juvenile Courts of Allegheny county.

Requiring County Commissioners to furnish first-class townships duplicates of adjusted valuations for taxation.
House bill authorizing payment from State funds of cost of transferring insane persons on orders of the State Board of Charities or Committee on Lunacy.

A bill was introduced by Senator Crow, Fayette, amending the Public Service Company law so that permission shall not be necessary where



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House bill making any person, firm or corporation liable for cost of extinguishing fires which may occur in second-class cities through their criminal intent or willful negligence or where they have not complied with any ordinance or regulation.

Correspondents Dine Governor.
The semi-annual dinner given by the Pennsylvania Legislative Correspondents' Association to Governor Brumbaugh was held Thursday night. The guests of honor in addition to the Governor were Lieutenant-Governor McClain, Speaker Ambler and James S. Hiatt, secretary to the Governor.

The Senate passed finally the following bills:
Appropriating \$250,000 for the improvement of the port facilities of Philadelphia.

Providing that mercantile corporations that pay a mercantile tax shall pay only one mill on the dollar on their capital stock instead of five mills.

House bill authorizing the Department of Health to accept private donations for the erection of union chapels at tuberculosis Sanatoria No. 2 and No. 3, located at Creshton and Hamburg.

Giving power to cemetery companies to improve cemeteries and to assess a pro rata share of the cost to lot holders.

House bill increasing the salaries of clerks, tellers and employees in the County Treasurer's Office, Philadelphia.