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**THE LUSITANIA DISASTER**

The destruction of the great British transatlantic liner Lusitania, by a German submarine off the coast of Ireland, Friday afternoon, has caused consternation and indignation throughout this country as over a hundred American men, women and children went to their deaths with the sinking of the great vessel. Calmness on the subject is being advocated by President Wilson and the leading papers. The fact that so many of our countrymen met such a fate brings a great problem to this nation and President Wilson is a man competent to deal with the situation—if any man can, and he gives the assurance that the United States will remain at peace. There are other means than fighting to obtain the rights of a nation as well as of an individual; and this policy will be carried out by the steady minds at the head of our great country in this unparalleled crisis.

German authorities justify their position from many standpoints of the war and persons sailing on such vessels are fully aware of their danger but the wholesale murder of innocent Americans should be prevented. It has generally been the practice of a submarine to afford those on board a vessel an opportunity to save their lives but not a moment's warning was given these unfortunate ones.

Germany may possibly succeed to some extent in discouraging American traffic with Great Britain but more prejudice than ever has been created against the German cause by such a procedure.

The horrors of war are certainly akin to those of the infernal region and the ruthless murders on high seas and land should soon incite those responsible to end it. The war is not the will of the masses, who like dumb, driven cattle go to their death not knowing what it is all about.

In a sense, though horrible the result of warfare, has the right to cripple her antagonist all she can. England has tried to bottle up the Fatherland and the latter believes she is fighting for her very existence. She gave a world warning of her purpose and made good her threat.

**ST. PAUL.**

While Mrs. John Engle was busily engaged in doing her Saturday work the part of a window pane she was cleaning gave way bringing her wrist into contact with the remaining glass inflicting a serious wound.

Mrs. Jacob Sechler is at present confined to her bed, due to a nervous breakdown. We are pleased to say that she is improving.

Mrs. Marcellus Sechler, of Oklahoma, is visiting her brother-in-law Mr. Ross Sechler at present.

Miss Florencé Engle, of St. Paul, accompanied by Harry Shoemaker, Rosa Tressler and Charles Hutzell of Springs made a tour of Cumberland on Sunday.

Socialism is not a religious movement, but it would for the first time in history make it possible for the high idealism of religion to be attained. No man should allow prejudice to prevent him from investigating the Socialist's point of view. Opportunity is given to do so at the Wednesday evening meetings at the St. Paul Club room.

Two delegates were elected by the Reformed Sunday School to attend the Inter-denominational convention at Garrett on May 21st.

The Reformed Sunday School will meet next Sunday School at 9 a. m.

Hon. and Mrs. S. A. Kendall and daughter, Miss Grace arrived home from Washington Tuesday evening, where they have been spending the winter. The trip was made by auto. Accompanying them was Rev. Angus, the fiancée of Miss Kendall, whose marriage will take place next month at their home. Rev. Angus is pastor of a Presbyterian church in Washington. Miss Kendall is an accomplished lady and very active in church circles. It is not generally known that last fall she was elected captain of the Girl Scouts of America, taking the oath before the president's wife shortly before the latter's death.

An unfortunate woman, who is best known in this section by the name of Mrs. Shoemaker, arrived here on last Friday from Detroit, Mich. and went to the home of Mr. Peter Albright on the South Side, a relative, but she soon manifested that she was mentally unbalanced. The next morning following a sleepless night, she ran away and the officers of this place arrested her for safe keeping to herself and others until her daughter came for her and took her back home from which she had run away.

**CONFLUENCE.**

Mrs. P. S. Rowe is very ill with rheumatism and other complications. Rev. E. Bower, a former pastor of the Lutheran Church here for five years, will leave in a few weeks for South America to take up missionary work.

John Matthews, of Markleysburg, has returned to his home after visiting his son, Attorney Ross Matthews, of Connellsville.

Mrs. Millie Vansickle is able to be around again after a siege of rheumatism.

Mrs. Elsie Beggs, has a large music class in Ohioyle and Miss Marie Younkun a large number of scholars in Ursina.

William Bowers has purchased a plot from the Bird estate, along the Addison road.

Rev. J. J. Hill, District Superintendent of the M. E. Church, Pittsburgh conference, recently held quarterly meetings at Addison and Johnson Chapel.

James Wilson has returned to his home at Elm Grove after visiting his mother-in-law, Mrs. Mabel Burnworth at Johnson Chapel.

Paul Meyers is able to be about once more after his illness from pneumonia.

Mrs. J. W. Clouse is not improving.

Miss Mona Burnworth, of Elm Grove, has been visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Anabelle Burnworth, of Johnson Chapel.

W. C. Criss, Baltimore & Ohio agent at Hooversville on Saturday visited his father here who is very ill.

Rev. J. T. Davis, pastor of the M. E. church at Ursina, was here recently.

Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Lyons were called to Vandegrift by the death of Mr. Lyons' father.

Dr. C. W. Franz is remodeling his residence and office. He will add six rooms for the use of private patients.

A carload or more of automobiles come to this place every week, showing that many residents of this section are investing in machines.

Elmer Shipley, 6-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Shipley, fell off one of the trucks at the B. & O. station last week, cutting a deep gash in his head. He was unconscious for a time and it was thought his injury was serious, but now he is able to be about.

Miss Erma Flanigan, who broke her wrist by falling off a stepladder, is doing well.

Aaron Shannon, one of the oldest residents of the county, is seriously ill of cancer of the stomach.

The Confluence storage plant which was closed since last fall, resumed operations Saturday and began manufacturing ice this week. The plant also will store produce.

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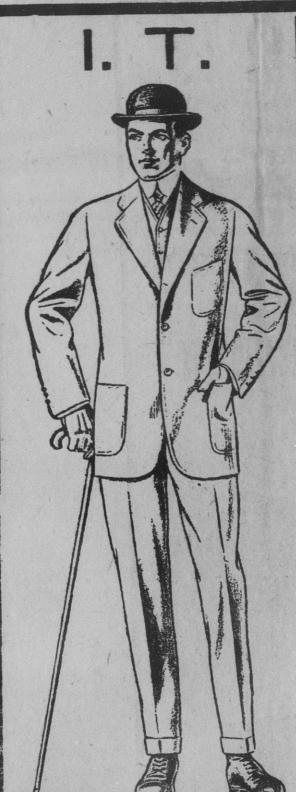
**CHURCH NOTICES.**

Brethren Church: Preaching services next Sunday, May 16, at Salisbury in the morning, Summit Mills in the afternoon and Meyersdale in the evening. Beginning on Sunday evening there will be special services, beginning at 7:30 and lasting for not more than one hour, each evening in the Meyersdale church. One or more of the parables of Jesus will be discussed at each of these services. The parables are an important and very interesting phase of the teachings of Jesus and all are invited to attend these brief, rapid-fire studies of them.

H. L. Goughnour.

Evangelical church, Rev. A. G. Mead, pastor: Preaching services Saturday evening, May 15, by Rev. J. W. Richards of Blairsville, Pa. Sunday morning preaching by Rev. Richards at 10:30, followed by Communion. S. S. at 2 p. m. Preaching in the evening at 7:30.

William Keidel, formerly of this county, but now residing near Lincoln, Neb., after a short visit among friends left on Wednesday for his home. He was called east on account of the serious illness of his brother, Harvey. He is a son of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Keidel, of Northampton Township.



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**GERMAN SUBMARINE DESTROYS GREAT VESSEL**

Nearly 1400 persons, 115 of them American men, women and children, perished on Friday afternoon when the great trans-Atlantic liner, Lusitania, was destroyed by German submarines off the coast of Ireland, within ten miles of land. The great vessel carried 2,160 souls and there are 764 survivors. About forty died after being rescued from a watery grave, from their injuries. Among the well known Americans to perish were Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt; Charles Klein, the playwright; Justin Miles Forman, author and playwright and Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Hubbard and also Charles Frohman, the New York playwright. Only three Pittsburgers out of the 12 who sailed, are reported safe. Vanderbilt, the owner of one hundred millions gave his life belt to a woman, though he could not swim, as did others and he had not time to procure a second one.

The survivors were taken to Queenstown, as were all of the bodies recovered. The latter were laid in rows in the dock sheds and many occupied in the work succumbed to the horror of it and had to be replaced by others.

"I think the Lusitania has been torpedoed deliberately for the purpose of making the United States declare war," said Lord Charles Bessford, in London on Saturday. "I foretold the whole present situation in February, and gave my reasons for thinking Germany meant to bring America into the war."

The British government made the following announcement: "The statement appearing in some newspapers that the Lusitania was armed is wholly false."

The scene as the big liner went down is described by the survivors as heartrending beyond words. Battering for life, the passengers called to relatives and friends or bade each other goodby.

A cabin steward of the Lusitania gave the following account of the sinking of the great vessel. "The passengers, a large number of 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 16 knots an hour, and were seven or eight miles south of Galleyhead when we were struck by one torpedo, and in a minute or two after by another.

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

It was a terrible sight, but the passengers were surprisingly cool. Nearly all of the first class passengers were drowned. The 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 at us. The submarine disappeared as suddenly as it came into view.

We saw the track the torpedo made in the water, and we got it fairly a- midship. The Lusitania listed forward and started to settle. Then the submerged submarine discharged another torpedo, which likewise struck us and our ship sank in twenty minutes. The captain at first thought that he could reach land. The submarine went off after accomplishing its work and did not attempt to save men, women or children, but left them to drown like rats in a trap when the great ship sank like a stone.

The scene was frightful as the ship went down. A great many persons were carried down at once by the great suction. About 100 persons jumped overboard and clung to the floating wreckage or upturned boats which were blown off the ship by the explosion.

There were 124 children aboard, forty babes in arms being drowned with their mothers or killed when the big hole was opened up in the vessel's side, besides most of the older children losing their lives. Only eight of the children seemed to have been saved.

At Queenstown, a memorial service was held on Monday, over 139 coffins and many bodies interred in the cemetery there with military honors. The Americans are to be sent to this country.

The Germans justify the atrocity by the fact that it was a British vessel, carrying munitions of war though it was not an armed steamer as declared. They say Americans had no right to risk their lives on a vessel of the enemy and repeated warnings had been given that the Lusitania was to be torpedoed. There was great rejoicing in Berlin over the catastrophe though the loss of American life was deplored.

However, on Tuesday, Germany, through her Ambassador, notified the United States that submarine commanders had been specifically instructed not to harm neutral vessels not engaged in hostile acts; and that Germany would pay for damage to such ships in the war zone. In previous communications, Germany has disclaimed responsibility for any harm that might befall neutral vessels venturing into the war zone.

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**GLENCOE.**

The district No 6 Sunday School convention held here was a very interesting one. We hope the helpful hints have thoroughly penetrated every hearer's system and that the community will be benefited thereby.

Mrs. John Weaver and children of Connellsville, spent the week-end with S. J. Tayman's.

G. G. Delozier and wife took in the circus at Cumberland on Saturday.

Mrs. W. A. Raupach was a Meyersdale shopper on Saturday.

Wilson Meyers and family of Mt. Pleasant motored to the home of W. J. Meyers on Sunday.

W. H. Hasselrode and family were Cumberland shoppers on Thursday.

Messrs. Bob and Simon Webreck and Harry Beachy a fishing went on Friday. They got as spoils, rank smelling onions and a heavy shower soak.

Get enthusiastic on "Good Roads Day" on May 26th. Every pikar to be a real live citizen must be on the job on this day or be classed as a "lying coward" to his or her state. Shoulder the rake and hoe, girls, and be sports.

The I. D. Leydig Ford conducted a party to Somerset and Friedens on Friday last.

C. E. Albert and family, of Mt. Pleasant, motored to I. D. Leydig's, Sunday.

H. M. Poorbaugh with part of his family spent Sunday with Mrs. W. H. Miller. Ralph was busy handing out joy-rides to the girls of the town a part of the day.

Leah Leydig went to Cumberland on Saturday by the B. & O. and returned on the Dodge steamboat with Dr. Spicer as driver.

G. H. Cook was caled to Cumberland on Monday to the bedside of his brother, Calvin. The latter underwent a serious operation on May 1st. at the Allegany hospital.

Lawrence Stouffer spent the week-end with his mother at Meyersdale.

Sada Tressler, of Rockwood, is visiting her mother for a fortnight.

Geo. Staley, of McKeesport, is home for a short vacation.

**TOWNSHIP MEETING.**

What promises to be an enthusiastic meeting in the interest of Good Roads Day, will be held in the Hay Opera House, Salisbury, Friday evening at 8 p. m. It is hoped that as many citizens as possible from Elk Lick township, Elk Lick and Salisbury will be present. John Bender is the township chairman and E. H. Miller for the borough. The following sub-committees have been appointed: N. B. Hay, Joel Harshbarger, W. A. Folk, Chas. Oester, Dr. A. M. Lichty, C.P. Hay, J. H. Meager and C. M. May.

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