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A HUNNISH CRIME RECALLED.

Four years ago today the civilized world was shocked by the news that the royal mail steamer Lusitania, of the Cunard line, had been torpedoed by a German submarine while on her way from New York to Liverpool. The destruction of this giant ship was beyond a doubt the foulest act of wilful wholesale murder ever committed on the high seas; it was a crime against humanity and one which will never be forgotten.

The great liner sailed from New York on May 1st, 1915, with a passenger list of 1,265 and a crew which numbered 694, making a total of 1,959 souls on board. Prior to her departure a warning had been published in the American press, foretelling the sinking of the liner, but little attention was paid to it, as nobody believed at that time that people calling themselves civilized could be guilty of such an atrocious crime. As Lord Mersey, who conducted the enquiry into the loss of the ship, well put it: "So far from affording any excuse, the threats serve only to aggravate the crime by making it plain that the intention to commit it was deliberately formed, and the crime itself planned before the ship sailed."

The Huns afterwards attempted to justify this diabolical act by declaring that a warning had been issued before the ship sailed, which was in reality nothing more than an attempt to propound the theory that if a murderer warns his victim of his intention, the guilt of the crime will rest with the victim and not with the murderer.

As already stated, the Lusitania, with her precious cargo sailed from New York on May 1st. Her voyage was uneventful until the Irish coast was sighted, and at 2.10 o'clock in the afternoon of May 7th, as she was nearing the head of old Kinsale, she was struck by a German torpedo between the third and fourth funnels.

In exactly twenty minutes the giant ship sank beneath the surface. The scenes on her decks were heartrending in the extreme. Men, women and children were caught in a trap and vainly struggled for their lives among the wreckage. The S.O.S. call sent out by wireless immediately after the torpedo got in its deadly work was answered within a few hours by rescuers and 764 lives were saved.

The crime, which will forever remain a blot upon the history of a supposedly civilized nation, resulted in the loss of 1,195 innocent and unoffending people, viz., 810 males, 291 females and 94 children.

The survivors landed at Queenstown and what bodies could be recovered from the sea were interred at that place. A coroner's jury, which heard the evidence taken at the inquest, returned the following verdict:

"This appalling crime was contrary to international law and the conventions of all civilized nations, and we therefore charge the owners of the submarine, the German Emperor and the Government of Germany, upon whose orders they acted, with the crime of wilful and wholesale murder."

This was a most terrible indictment and one which should put to shame all future generations of the German race.

The barbarous Huns attempted to justify their heinous crime by declaring that the Lusitania was armed and was also carrying munitions of war at the time she was torpedoed. This miserable lie, however, was pretty effectively squelched by the government of the United States, which in a note to the Imperial government of Germany declared that "the Lusitania was not armed for offensive purposes, and was not serving as a transport."

The sinking of the Lusitania was hailed throughout Germany as a great victory for the German navy, and the school children were even granted a holiday to celebrate the event. Not satisfied with their rejoicings over this foul act of treachery, they had, perforce, to strike a medal in order to keep it alive in German hearts.

The Lusitania was looked upon as

the finest ship that ever skimmed the seas. She was built on the Clyde and launched in 1906. Her length over all was 790 feet and she had a displacement of 45,000 tons. She was a veritable floating palace and was a great favorite with transatlantic travellers. Her fastest passage across the Atlantic was made in 1909, when she made the trip in 4 days, 15 hours and 42 minutes, making 666 knots on one day and averaging 25.57 knots for the trip. This mighty ocean greyhound today lies at the bottom of the Atlantic, but her name will be a lasting monument to the atrocities of a race steeped in savagery, and whose lust for blood knew no bounds.

Nova Scotians are being asked by Lieutenant Governor Grant to subscribe the sum of \$10,000 for the purpose of providing a complete Highland dress for the 85th Battalion. It is proposed to cable the money to Lieut. Col. Ralston so the equipment can be provided before the regiment returns from overseas.

The appeal being made on behalf of the Red Triangle is deserving of a generous response. The funds to be raised will be expended in connection with the demobilization of the army. There is plenty of work for the Y. M. C. A. still in military hospitals, camps and barracks throughout Canada.

A petition for legislation to permit the manufacture and sale of four per cent beer was presented to the Massachusetts Legislature Monday of this week. It contained 130,000 names and it took four men to carry it to the State House.

Hon. Napoleon Seguin denies the port that there will be a provincial election in Quebec this year. He says the election will not take place before a year and a half or two years.

THROUGH OUR SIEVE

Romance, like happiness, is mostly of one's own making.

An offspring of an African couple is a colored supplement.

Raising Cain is also something that requires great concentration of mind.

There is such a state as being too tired to worry.

The man who can acknowledge a mistake without blaming it on someone else has true moral courage.

Few persons are envied because of their wisdom; but many because of their wealth.

Students in the school of experience are handed their diplomas by the undertaker.

It is occasionally as embarrassing to refuse to answer as it is to tell the truth.

The Huns have stopped raising Cain yet we are looking for a drop in sugar and molasses.

A thorough-going man likes to do a thing so that it will never have to be done over again, particularly sewing on a button.

Taxes and expenses may lead thrifty people to beat their garages into poultry houses.

Held Enjoyable Banquet

A most enjoyable banquet was tendered by the Eveready Class of the Methodist Church, under the direction of Rev. G. M. Young to the Older Boys of the various city churches last evening. Speeches were given by the pastors of the various churches. A toast was proposed by Rev. G. M. Young, to King and Country followed by God Save the King. A toast to the City Fathers was received by Mayor Hanson, for the Clergy by Mr. W. Wells, to Education by Rev. G. M. Young, to the progressiveness of the organized classes by Mr. J. Burt, seconded by F. J. Patterson, to the girls of the Wesley Class who volunteered their assistance in serving, by Mr. G. R. FitzPatrick seconded by J. M. Lemont. The entertainment closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

Sister gives her beau
POST TOASTIES
and Ma says:
"Feed him well,
Winnie, and
he'll keep coming"
Bobby

SALARY OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE

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man to do business with.
Ald. Wilkinson: "Does the alderman speak as a member of the City Council or as chairman of the Police Commission?"

Ald. McKay: "I speak as both."

Ald. Wilkinson: "You cannot do that."

Mayor Hanson's Opinion

Mayor Hanson said the province did not pay enough for a sub-inspector in Fredericton and the people wanted the Prohibitory Act enforced. The Police Commission could not get enough satisfaction from Chief Inspector Wilson in the matter of salary but continued the arrangement. He did not believe that separation of the two offices was necessary. What was the trouble was that Chief Inspector Wilson was too parsimonious. A vote on this resolution would show the opinion of the council but he wanted nothing which would weaken the enforcement of the act. The trouble was that the government took all the revenue and did not bear a sufficient share of the burden of administration. It had been said that the Chief Inspector had asked for an increase in salary on the ground that he had made arrangement with the Fredericton Police Commission so advantageous to the Province.

Ald Reid analyzed the resolution and spoke strongly in favor of it.

There was a general discussion in which the opinion was expressed repeatedly that the city was not getting sufficient from the province for the services of Chief Finley as sub-inspector also that Chief Finley spends much more than one tenth of his time in enforcement of the Prohibitory Act.

Ald. Young said that the province should pay \$750 or else appoint a separate sub-inspector leaving this city to pay a chief.

Chief Finley Good Official

Ald. McKay said that the government could not be forced to pay more. As Police Commissioner he felt that the \$300 should be saved to the city. Chief Finley was a good official and could get \$1,800 per year if he left Fredericton but he did not want to leave.

Ald. Cooper believed that a proper presentation of the matter to the provincial government would produce results.

The motion was carried on the following vote.

Rea, Wilkinson, Baxter, Barker, Burpee, Camp, Reid, Young.

Nay, Davidson, Cooper, McKay.

Forty Hours Devotion

The Forty Hours Devotion which began at St. Dunstan's Church Sunday morning at 8.30 ended last night. Large congregations attended the services. Rev. Father Daly of St. Peter's church St. John, was the preacher at last night's service. Others in attendance during the devotions were Rev. Father Howland of St. Ann's Church, Kingsclear, Rev. Father Murphy of St. Anthony's Church Devon, Rev. Father Donahue of Riverside, Albert County and Rev. Father Carney pastor of St. Dunstan's.

Died at Hartford

Woodstock Press: Mr. David Palmer, a well known resident of York county, recently died at the home of his daughter Emma Bragdon of Hartford. In his life time he was a faithful member of the Primitive Baptist church, and was known as an every-day christian. Buried at Milville in the sure and certain hope of a glorious resurrection. Four sons and two daughters are left to mourn, but not as those without hope. Services conducted by Rev. G. A. Giberson of Bath, Carleton county.

Don't try to console a man who has just burnt a hole in the vest of his new suit of clothes. He is inconsolable for twenty-four hours.

THE SOLDIER SETTLEMENT BOARD.

The Qualification Committee of the Soldier Settlement Board will meet in the offices on the top floor of the new Post Office building, St. John, N. B., every Friday in the month of May.

Applicants for loans should appear in person before this committee.

FAIR MID-WEEK MARKET

Butter Raised Slightly and Pork Dropped to 18 Cents per lb.—Potatoes Firm.

A fairly large market was held this morning at Phoenix Square. Prices were on the whole easy although butter showed no tendency to drop below 50 cents per lb. Potatoes still held the \$4.25 mark. Pork went down to 18 cents a pound.

Mid-Week Prices
Prices ruled as follows:
Beef per lb. \$.10 to .16
Pork per lb.18 to .22
Veal per lb.10 to .15
Potatoes per bbl. 4.25
Turnips per bbl. 1.50
Caspereau (fresh) per doz. .40
" (Smoked) per doz. .50
Butter per lb.50 to .55
Eggs per doz.49 to .45
Hay per ton \$16.00 to \$18.00

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