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Says a German Wireless Steered Lusitania to Fate.

**Decoy Radiogram Written Here and Sent
to Steamer from Sayville Lured Her
to Submarine, Says John P. Jones.**

It was a decoy wireless message written right here in New York City by German secret agents and despatched from the radio station at Sayville, L.I., by one of their trusted operators which caused the destruction of the Lusitania on May 7, 1915, according to a detailed declaration made by John Price Jones in a volume entitled "America Entangled," which will be put on the market today.

There have been many rumors ever since the tragedy of false directions having reached Capt. Turner of the ill-fated Cunarder. There has been unlimited speculation as to why the ship was running slowly when her great speed had always been relied upon to keep her out of the U-boats' clutches.

In "America Entangled" there is given for the first time a clear, consecutive story of just what happened to the Lusitania, causing the death of 1,214 of her company. Mr. Jones, the author, is a reporter on the New York Sun, who has enjoyed the confidence of the secret agents of both the United States and Great Britain and has had access to much material never before made public. His book purports to be an exposure of the workings of the German spies and plotters in this country. His story of the sinking of the Lusitania briefly is as follows:

Says Spies Travelled on Her.

During months before the fatal voyage German spies were aboard the Lusitania on her every crossing, studying her routes, her speed, the

manner in which she was operated—seeking a means to destroy her. Berlin had ordered that she be put down to lower England's naval prestige and to strike terror into the hearts of neutrals and make them keep off Allied ships.

One spy tried the plan of sending a wireless message of greeting to a friend in England, an innocent-looking message which would give the ship's positions in code and which would be picked up by a U-boat commander. This plan nearly succeeded. The vessel did run near a submarine, but dodged its torpedoes and outraced it to safety.

The Germans then realized that the Lusitania's speed would enable her to shake off or dodge any submarine, and so they decided upon the plan of forcing her to go to a certain point where U-boats would be stationed in waiting for her.

As Mr. Jones writes: "The agents in America put their heads together in a room in the German Club, New York . . . and in their secret conferences worked their way around obstacles and put their scheme in operation."

They learned through their spies, the author asserts, that Capt. Turner, on approaching the English coast, always sent a radiogram to the British Admiralty asking for instructions as to his course and convoy. He always received an answer in code, telling him in what direction to steer and what escort would meet him.

Had Admiralty Code.

The German agents here, knowing

those things, decided upon a plan of picking up Turner's message through the Sayville station and sending him immediately a reply which would direct him to the very spot where they would arrange U-boats would be waiting for him.

It was necessary of course to know the British Admiralty code in order to make this message appear genuine. But the author asserts the Germans already had that code since the beginning of the war, as, indeed, they had the American State Department and Army and Navy code books. The writer says:

"Berlin chose the deep sea grave for more than 100 Americans. Berlin assigned two submarines to a point ten miles south by west of Old Head of Kinsale, near the entrance of St. George's Channel. Berlin chose the commanders of the U-boats for the most damnable sea crime of history."

"There is a rumor among U-boat men in Europe that the man for the crime was sent from Kiel with sealed orders not to be opened until at the spot chosen. With him went a 'shadow' charged with a death warrant if the U-boat commander balked at the last moment."

The narrative then tells of the advertisements printed in this city and the private warnings received by intending passengers, telling them to keep off the Lusitania.

After the ship had left this port, the submarines took their position. By wireless to Sayville, Berlin informed the German plotters here just what that position was. They prepared the bogus orders, purporting to come from the British Admiralty. These were to the effect that Capt. Turner should proceed to a point ten miles south by west of Old Head of Kinsale, then run into St. George's Channel and make the bar at Liverpool at midnight.

The Death Message Sent.

As the time approached when the Lusitania was expected to near the danger zone, Mr. Jones asserts, a specially trained operator was on constant duty at Sayville, waiting to pick up the message that Capt. Turner should send. Presently it came to the listening ears. There was a brief interval, and then from Sayville crackled out the treacherous reply directing the ship to her doom.

"The British Admiralty also received Turner's wireless message—just as the Sayville operator had snatched it from the air—and despatched an answer," the narrative continues.

"The order from the head of the Admiralty directed the English captain to proceed to a point seventy or 80 miles south of Old Head of Kinsale, and there meet his convoy, which would guard him on the way to port. But Capt. Turner never got that message, and the British convoy waited in vain for the Lusitania to appear on the horizon . . . The proud, swift liner steered straight between two submarines lying in wait."

"At the official inquiry the captain produced the orders he had received directing him to proceed southwest of Old Head of Kinsale. The British Admiralty produced its message which had directed him to go by an utterly different course. It produced also orders which had been issued to the convoy to meet the Lusitania. The orders did not jibe. They showed treachery and further investigation pointed to Sayville."

Says U. S. Government Discovered It.

Mr. Jones declares that United States authorities, in a subsequent investigation of the Sayville station and the German officers employed there, discovered that it was from Sayville the fatal decoy message was sent forward. And the same authorities, he asserts, found that the plot had been developed in America.

How the fake message was received and the genuine Admiralty message was not received, he says, has never been publicly explained.

"It is charged," he writes, "that a man on the Lusitania was deceived or duped."

"America Entangled" contains many interesting and authenticated stories of the Teutonic activities in this city and country, together with histories and character studies of the arch-plotters. It has an introduction by Roger B. Wood, former United States Assistant District Attorney, and a prefatory letter from Colonel Roosevelt.

Hard to Say.

A Scottish doctor who was attending a laird had instructed the butler of the house in the art of taking and recording his master's temperature with a thermometer. On paying his usual morning call, he was met by the butler, to whom he said:

"Well, John, I hope the laird's temperature is not any higher to-day?"

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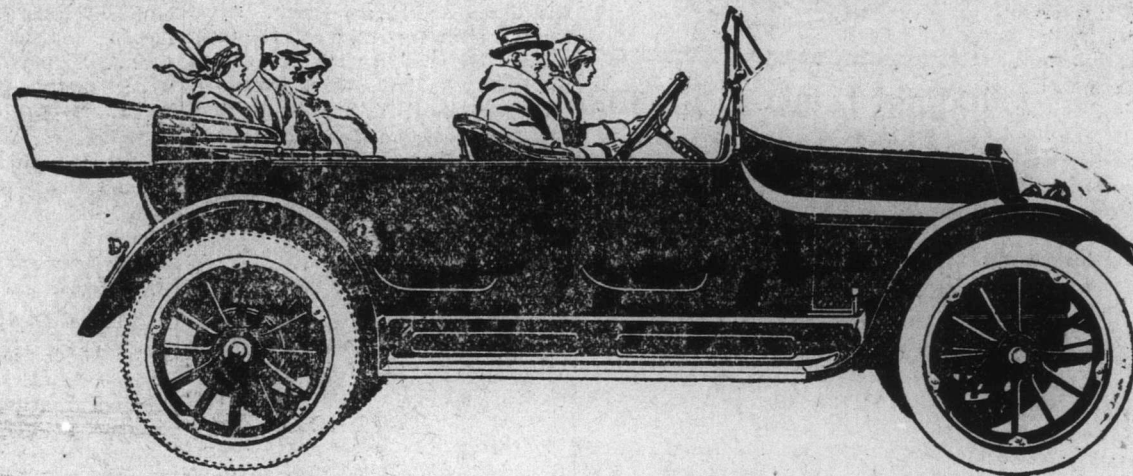
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Bread Bought With Blood.

London Chronicle: There is a story in the Old Testament, that when David was once at war with the Philistines and their army occupied his native village of Bethlehem, he expressed a longing for a drink of water from the Bethlehem well. Three of his warriors overheard him, and at the risk of their lives they broke through the Philistine army, drew water from the well, and brought it back to their king. David would not touch it. "Is not this," he said, "the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives?" We ought to have something of that feeling about the bread and the meat that the heroes of our merchant marine fetch for us from overseas. Their bravery is unfailing; since the German submarine atrocities started, no British sailor has shirked going aboard his ship for fear of what might befall him; and the terrible list of men killed by shells or explosions, men drowned, and men frozen to death, has never deterred their fellows from doing their duty. But the food which they bring us is in very truth "the blood of the men that went in jeopardy of their lives." We must use it, but we shall never misuse or waste it if we remember how it has been brought. There is, indeed, if one reflects, something profoundly shocking in self-indulgence under such conditions.

Everyday Etiquette.

"Should I as hostess ask permission before presenting a guest individually?" inquired Mrs. Newleywood.

"It is a general rule that a hostess may introduce any guest without first asking permission to do so," answered her older sister.

An Irish Phase Explained.

London Daily Chronicle: "The priest was forty, but he lost his boots," Miss Katherine Tynan mentions in her engaging reminiscences as being the Irish equivalent of the proverb, "There is many a slip 'twixt the cup and the lip." To English readers the saying must seem as cryptic as that in a recently published

letter from an Irish soldier. "The enemy has the knave, but we hold the fingers." They both find their origin in the card game beloved of Hibernians known as "forty-five." "The fingers" are the five of trumps, which is the best card in the pack, the knave ranking second in value. The object of the game is to score forty-five points; a piece of good fortune that seldom befalls the player, revered or otherwise, who has succeeded in making forty.

And the Worst is Yet to Come



The Communal Kitchen

London Daily News: The true enemy of economy is in the individual kitchen, and the method of rationing which Lord Devonport has in mind will not substantially increase our ability to make our supplies pan out. The method has largely broken down in Germany, and an expedient is being adopted there, as in Russia, which alone achieves the end in view. That expedient is the communal kitchen. It involves less circumlocution, waste of time, trial of temper and disappointment than the effort to secure to each individual a supply of this, that, or the other commodity. It does really regularize consumption, and what is more important, secures an economy of consumption estimated at not less than 30 per cent. The method of distribution is at once simple and fair, and not the least valuable element in the system is that it provides for the distribution being based on standard food values, whereas individual rationing gives no guarantee of the kind.

Then, What of the Kaiser?

London Daily Express: The Teuton is patient and long-suffering. His racial conceit makes him an easy accomplice in all schemes for national aggrandizement. He is well disciplined and disciplined to rebel, even against the anarchists who rule him. But even the Teuton will turn. The great-grandfathers of the men dying in the trenches of France and of the women starving in the streets of Berlin revolted in 1848. The Kaiser knows that. The German Empire was born in a successful war. It will die in the fortunes of war turn against it. The submarine sink-at-sight policy is the last desperate throw. If it is abandoned, or if it fails (as it assuredly will), utter defeat is a mere matter of time—and then what of the Kaiser?

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