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sinking of the Lusitania may well be considered, too. The war cannot go on forever. Peace must come and with it an attempt to renew friendships. Nations, like individuals, are held in esteem or contempt according to their deeds. In our own Civil War our strict adherence to the accepted rules of fighting retained for us the friendship of a powerful party in England. It was very probably our deliverance. It so elicited the admiration of Russia that the government of the Czar helped us when we most needed it. When the conflict ended we were cordially received into the international fold as men who fought fair and well and had nothing to explain.

Germany's legal right to sink the Lusitania we are not prepared to dispute. We believe it can be established. But her moral right to send so many helpless, innocent people to their death we believe is contrary to the higher law. Knowing our German-American citizenship as we do we are convinced that they, too, regret that the Fatherland could not have found other means of advancing its cause.

Meanwhile, since Germany has established this saddest of precedents, the nation hopes that the government will refuse clearance papers to all British vessels carrying our countrymen over seas.

From The New York World: Does Germany Want More War

The German Government's official expression of "heartfelt sympathy for the loss of American lives" in the Lusitania massacre is coupled with a sneer of "regret that Americans felt more inclined to trust English promises rather than to pay attention to the warnings from the German side."

This adds insult to injury. The Government of the United States is concerned neither with "English promises" nor with Germany's warnings. It is concerned with the rights of American citizens.

This country wants no expression of "heartfelt sympathy" from a Government that deliberately murdered scores of helpless American men, women and children. It wants no further admonitions from Germany about the necessity of heeding German warning of intended violations of international law and of intended German crimes against Americans. All it wants from Germany is full atonement for the outrages already committed, and a clear understanding that there is to be no repetition of these outrages.

The American people do not want war with Germany if war can be honorably avoided, but that question must be decided in Berlin, not in Washington. We know our rights under international law, and we are not with-

out means of enforcing those rights. Furthermore, those rights will be enforced—peaceably if possible, but by force if necessary.

We too should "deeply regret" any misunderstanding on the part of the German Government as to the attitude of the American people toward the Lusitania massacre. They have not been so aroused since the destruction of the Maine. Thus far their sentiment has been splendidly restrained, but the intensity of feeling is all the greater because it is held in check in order not to embarrass the President. If we were a warlike people an ultimatum would already be on its way to Germany, but the fact that we are calm and self-possessed in the face of gross provocation should not delude Berlin into believing that American patience is inexhaustible.

All the petty legal quibbles Germany's agents here have mobilized in defense of the murder of the Americans on board the Lusitania are so much wasted effort. What this country clearly perceives is that a passenger ship carrying United States mails and United States citizens was destroyed by a German submarine in defiance of all the established rules of warfare, and it is in no mood to listen to a plea of justifiable homicide.

It is certain that American opinion can be held in check if the German Government shows a rational appreciation of the gravity of its offense. But if the present attitude of defiance continues, or if another massacre of this kind takes place, all the bonds of restraint will be broken. It is infinitely more important at this time that Germany should heed American warnings than that Americans should heed German warnings. We are the plaintiff in the case. It is our rights that have been violated. It is our citizens who have been killed. It is our sovereignty that has been spat upon. And we can compel a verdict in our favor.

If Germany's present policy towards neutrals is to continue, then we are bound to say that all questions of national honor aside, war with Germany could be no more injurious to the United States than that kind of "peace" it could inflict little more material damage upon us. If the United States as a neutral is to receive the same treatment from Germany that her belligerent enemies receive, there would be a decided advantage in being an enemy in order that we might protect ourselves and obtain the moral redress that is essential to the very preservation of national life.

The relations between the United States and Germany are already strained to the breaking point. Most of us ardently and sincerely hope that the breaking point will not be reached, and that the United States will not be forced to adopt the last resort of a Nation that can obtain no adequate satisfaction for deliberate and wanton wrongs. That

issue rests with Germany. It is for the German Government to say whether it desires peace or war with the United States.

If it desires peace with the United States, there will be no more Lusitania incidents. There will be no more Gulflight incidents. There will be no more attacks of any kind upon American ships and American citizens engaged in the exercise of their lawful rights. If Germany wants war with the United States, she has only to continue in the course that she is now pursuing.

German Press Says Blame is England's

Chicago, Ill., May 10.—Oswald F. Schuette, Berlin correspondent of the News, cables that paper some extracts from comment of the Berlin and other German press on the Lusitania disaster, and declares that it is certain the German Government will decline to accept responsibility for American lives lost.

"The Lusitania," says the Taegliche Bundschau, "was not a peaceful merchant ship, but a warship, carrying dangerous ammunition to England for the destruction of Germany, and was rightly treated as such. The English regarded harmless passengers as the best protection for the ammunition and conscientiously sacrificed their lives. That Americans lost their lives is regretted, but the blame rests only on the English. We hope to do more to end the American shipment of ammunition."

"We regret with heavy hearts," says the Tageblatt, "the fate of the poor passengers lost on the Lusitania, but they had taken passage on the warship of a belligerent."

"Germany regrets deeply the great sacrifice of life," says the Vossische Zeitung, "but it will with right deny all responsibility for their deaths."

"England will shudder at the news," says the Cologne Gazette, "but at last she will feel that we have secured reprisal for the war of starvation."

"Everybody had warning," says the Zeitung am Mittag, "British boastfulness and carelessness are responsible."

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