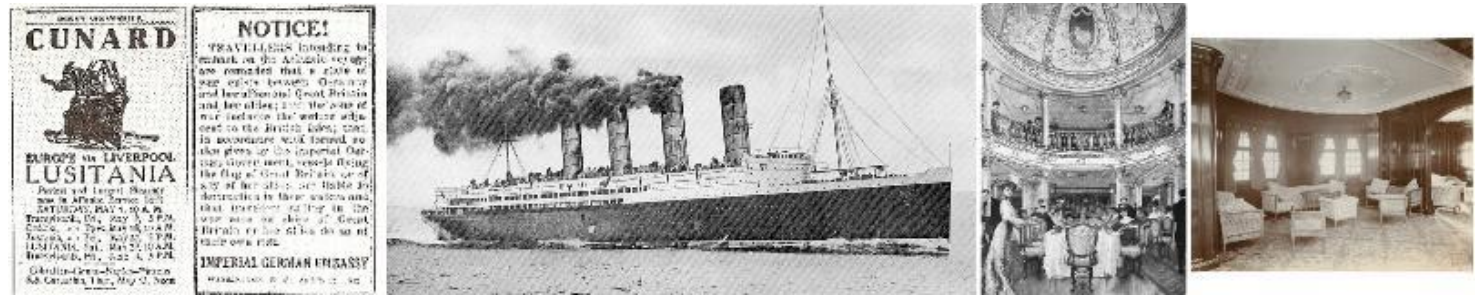
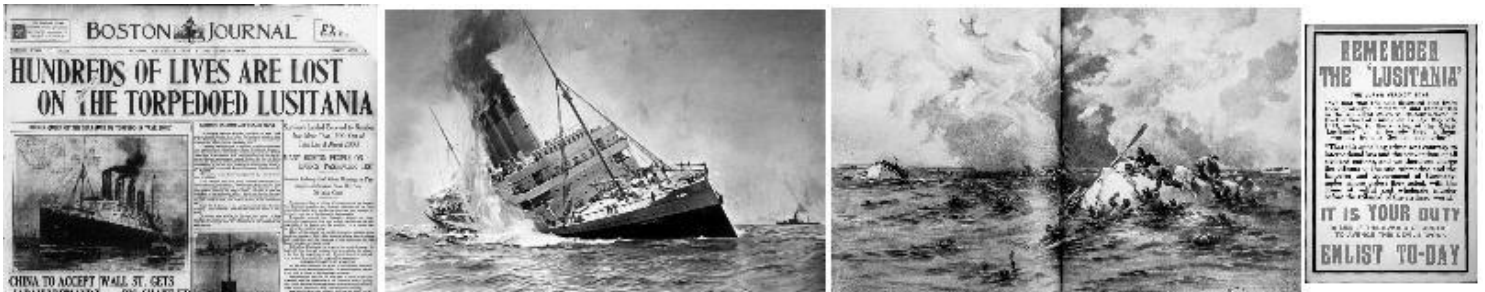


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The Sinking of the *LUSITANIA*



The Cunard ocean liner RMS *Lusitania* was headed toward its home in Britain on her 202nd Atlantic crossing. On May 7, 1915, eleven miles off the southern coast of Ireland, without warning a German U-boat torpedoed this non-military vessel, where it sank very quickly. In the end, 1198 passengers and crew were dead – 128 of them Americans. Although war between Germany and Britain in World War I was already underway, this action shocked Britain and America and led to important consequences for the war ahead. Dr. Hylander will reveal many little-known facts about the vessel and events that led up to the sinking and its impact through the following years.

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