

# WILSON WILL ACT WITH FIRMNESS

KNOWS PEOPLE WISH RIGHT ACTION TAKEN IN LUSITANIA MATTER.

## 115 AMERICANS LOSE LIVES

Government Learns Ill-Fated Liner Was Not Armed and Therefore Not Liable to Attack Under Law.

Washington, May 10. — President Wilson, on whom the eyes of the world are focused at the present moment, is studying in quiet seclusion the aspects of law and fact in connection with the sinking by a German torpedo of the British liner Lusitania, with a loss of 115 American lives.

The great human tragedy, coupled with the responsibilities of the hour, caused the president to deny himself to all callers, even to members of his official family, while he turned over in his mind the course to be pursued by the United States government in one of the most serious crises in its history.

### Wilson's First Word.

The only glimpse of the workings of the President's mind was given when the White House issued its first formal comment on the disaster. The announcement was made that the President realized the country expected him to deal with the situation "with deliberation as well as firmness."

After a conference with the President at the White House, Secretary Tumulty said:

"Of course, the President feels the distress and the gravity of the situation to the utmost and is considering very earnestly, but very calmly, the right course of action to pursue. He knows that the people of the country wish and expect him to act with deliberation as well as with firmness."

### Carried No Arms.

One important fact was definitely ascertained by the Washington government from the port authorities at New York, who gave clearance to the Lusitania—that she carried no guns, either mounted or unmounted, in accordance with the caution of the state department and the British government early in the war.