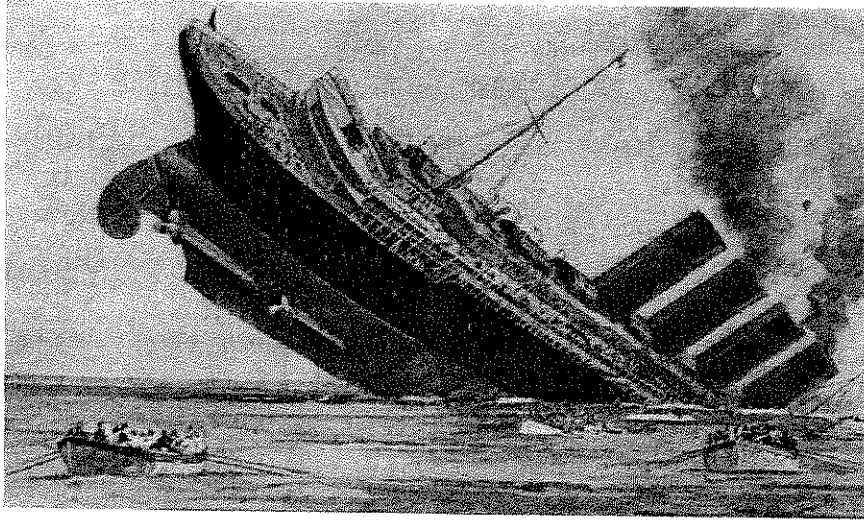


**PROBLEM 4—LUSITANIA IS SUNK IN MAY 1915**

On May 7th, the British passenger ship *Lusitania* was torpedoed and sunk in the war zone off the coast of Ireland. Nearly 1200 passengers died, including 124 Americans. The Germans claimed the ship was carrying ammunition and other prohibited cargo to Britain.



As President Wilson, how will you respond to the sinking of the *Lusitania*?

You can ask two of the following questions, or one of them can be a question of your own:

1. How is the American public reacting to this event?
2. What is happening politically within Germany? What are the German leaders thinking?
3. Was the ship actually carrying ammunition, as the Germans claim?
4. What does international law say about the sinking of passenger ships?