The Sinking of the Lusitania

The sinking of the *Lusitania*, a British passenger ship, was a pivotal event in World War I and led the United States to make some difficult decisions. Fill in the blanks of the news story by using the word bank at the bottom of the page.

World War I began in _____ in the year _____. During this time, a passenger ship from _____ sailed out of a New York port to _____. Germany took out an advertisement in the _____. It said that all ships sailing under the British flag were subject to attack. Up until this time, passenger ships had not been involved in the war. The *Lusitania* left on _____ and was _____ hours late. The Captain of the *Lusitania* was _____. *Lusitania* was hit by a torpedo off the coast of _____. The ship took _____ minutes to sink. There was a second explosion on the *Lusitania*. Some say that it was _____ being stored below deck, while others say that it was just the _____. Approximately _____ people lost their lives, _____ were Americans. Many Americans were outraged and demanded that the United States attack Germany. President Wilson responded by demanding that Germany stop attacking passenger and merchant ships.

Word Bank

- Liverpool, England
- May 7, 1915
- 18
- 1914
- Ireland
- Europe
- 2
- Great Britain
- ammunition
- 124
- water heater
- 1,200
- New York Times
- Captain Turner