

Lusitania: Who was to blame for the deaths of 1,201 people?

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Step 4: Why did passengers travel into danger?: video transcript

The war was on and we didn't know it was going to be such a great war as it was and we decided we'd like to come back and have a look at this war, you know?

(voice of narrator) And what about the notice in the papers?

I don't think anybody took very much notice about this because they thought – well no nation would dare go to the point of sinking a passenger liner and especially a liner so famous as the Lusitania. A great ship like this we are told, she wouldn't sink for five or six hours so there would be plenty of time to get anybody off if this dreadful thing did happen.