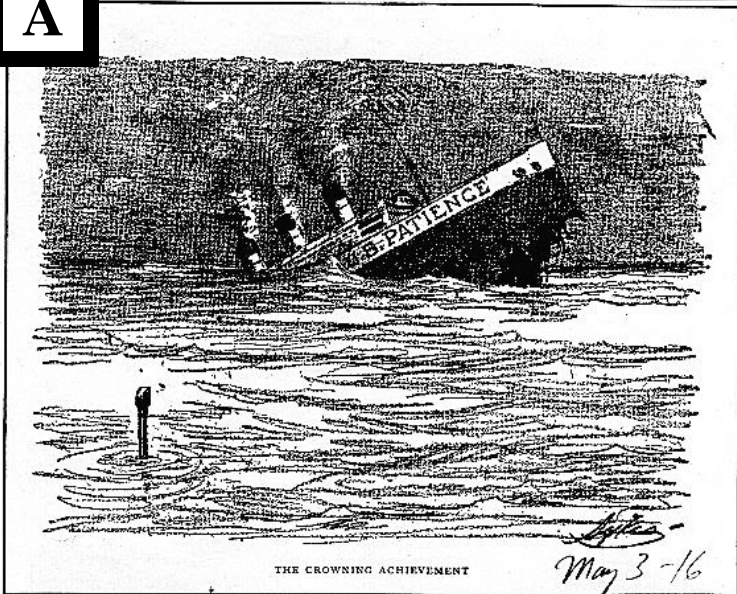


**A**

In 1915, Germany warned the United States and other neutral nations that they would sink any ships the war zone. President Wilson, however, refused to pay attention to this warning. On May 7, 1915 a German submarine torpedoed the Lusitania, a British passenger ship, killing 1,200 people, including 128 Americans.

**B**

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SOME PROMISE!

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The Zimmerman Telegram urged Mexico to attack the United States. In return, Germany would give Mexico back their “lost provinces” (a.k.a. California, New Mexico and Arizona) in the American Southwest.

1. What action is happening in cartoon A?
  2. Why is the ship named “U.S. Patience”? (Explain the symbolism)
  3. What did Germany do to avoid conflict with the USA in 1915?
  4. What action is happening in cartoon B?
  5. Why do you think Germany would try to make a secret deal with Mexico and not another country?
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6. What were the 4 M.A.I.N. causes of WWI?
  7. What was a political reason to remain neutral at the beginning of the war?
  8. What was an economic reason to remain neutral at the beginning of the war?

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