

Friday May 4th

It rained before we got up this morning and has been raining pretty much all day although there were a few patches of sun shine. This afternoon there was a terrific down pour but it didn't last long. The ground is full of water now and of course Dad. thinks or says he does that we are ruined, but I wouldn't be a bit surprised if we lived through it all and maybe even through next winter with out starving to death. I tested the eggs in the incubator this morning and they hatched out about half I took out sixty four and left a lot of doubtful ones in. I didn't expect much of a hatch any way as the eggs were old. I had boiled all the ones I took out and am going to keep them for the little fellows. This afternoon, Dad, Enah and Siddums went down town to see Aunty & Aunty Alice. they didn't get caught in the heavy rain but got some of it. I spent the day making hen's nests for setting hens and a coop for hen and chicks or rather repairing an old one which William's left here. Last night I went down and got my hair cut and then down to Halys to see Aunty and Aunty Alice. Every body is talking now about the news in to night's paper. The Germans have torpedoed the "Lusitania" and about fifteen hundred passengers were

drowned. They gave warning to passengers in Washington before she sailed but every body had such confidence in her great speed being such a protection to her that they didn't pay any attention to the warnings of the German embassy. Dad. thinks they were perfectly justified in sinking her as she was carrying a large consignment of ammunition and other contraband of war, but even then it doesn't seem to me to be any excuse for sinking so many women and babies. I think the Captain and the Cunard line were also very much to blame for allowing women passengers to go with such a cargo. There were about 150 babies on board and they all either drowned or died of exposure. About six hundred people were saved. They were in the Irish sea about ten miles out from the Irish coast and there were a lot of ships come out immediately she sank but it was so sudden and she sank in thirty minutes that there was no time to get ready for it. Aunty & Aunty Alice came home on the train with a little woman 21 years old with a four months old baby who was going from her home in Saskatoon to her father in England as he was all alone, his five sons being at the front and she was the only other child. She was to have sailed on the Lusitania. The porter on the train begged her not to go on that boat as she was doomed but she said she was not afraid.