

MOTHER OF DULUTH GIRL STILL HOPEFUL; NO WORD

Mrs. A. Baker Will Not Believe Daughter Millie Lost in the Disaster—Waits for Message.

Hoping against hope for some word that her daughter was one of the saved from the Lusitania disaster, sharing the maddening suspense that miles of ocean with uncertain means of communication has caused for hundreds of relatives of the ill-fated liner's passengers in America and abroad, Mrs. A. Baker, 2209 Minnesota avenue, mother of Miss Millie Baker, last night confidently awaited a cheering message.

"I want you always to keep this letter, dear, from your own darling, Millie."

These words, closed the last letter received by Mrs. Baker, from her daughter.

Many letters and telegrams were sent to Duluth friends by Miss Baker the day she sailed on the ill-fated steamer. Among them is one received by Mrs. Horace Davis, which reads as follows: "By by. Love to all. Millie." In some of the letters Miss Baker talked about her musical studies and the subject matter conveys the thought that she was eager to resume her studies and was looking forward to the realization of her ambitions.

"We still expect to hear from Millie, and we do not believe she is gone," said Mrs. B. W. Forbes, a friend of the family who is staying with Mrs. Baker. The following telegram was re-

ceived last night from Bayard Cobb, a New York friend of the Baker family: "No definite knowledge. Will keep you advised. Please wire if help needed."

Thomas J. Baker who probably perished in the Lusitania disaster, although not a resident of Duluth, was well known here.

Baker's home was in County Kerry, Ireland, but he worked in Duluth several years ago for the Alger-Smith Lumber company, according to John Millen, vice president and general manager of the company. It was while visiting in Duluth that Baker bought passage for Liverpool on the Lusitania. The ticket was bought April 17 from P. George Hanson & Co., local agents for the Cunard line.

Ample warnings against sailing on the Lusitania were given in New York, and it was a well-known fact that a passenger on the boat was taking his life into his own hands, according to Max Albenberg, a local merchant, who left New York the day before the ill-fated steamer sailed.

"While I was in New York the subject of German's threat was the main topic of conversation," said Albenberg. "Stories appeared in the New York papers warning against sailing. Persons should not have sailed on the boat. I certainly would not have done so."