



EASTLAND BALLAST TANKS PUMPED DRY

Captain Unable to Act Speedily Enough.

VESSEL GROUNDS ON BOTTOM

Harbor Officials Say Capacity Was Largely Exceeded.

REDFIELD DENIES LAXITY

Secretary of Commerce Declares Federal Inspectors Did Duty. Passenger Allowance Recently Increased by 500.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Overloading, underballasting and grounding on the river bottom today were cited in testimony at the Coroner's inquest by two experts as reasons why the steamer Eastland toppled over Saturday at its wharf and drowned hundreds of excursionists.

Adam F. Weckler, harbor master, and Joseph R. Lynn, assistant harbor master, both of whom were present when the steamer capsized, in ascribing the accident to these causes told the Coroner's jury that the boat was "cranky" and should never have been permitted by the Government inspectors to carry more than half the 2500 persons it was entitled to transport under its license.

Redfield Denies Lax Inspection.

While the Coroner's jury is hearing testimony in an attempt to fix the blame for the catastrophe, Secretary of Commerce Redfield looked over the wreck and watched divers comb the wreck and surrounding water and recover three more bodies. He made statements to the effect that the Government supervision had not been lax and that the Eastland had carried safely many more passengers than were aboard when the ship rolled over.

The harbor master, Mr. Weckler, testified he arrived at the Eastland's wharf 20 minutes before the steamer was due to start, and saw the boat listing to port. He said he called to Captain Pedersen, of the Eastland, to trim the vessel, shouting that he would not open the Clark-street bridge until the boat was righted.

Ballast Tanks Pumped Dry.

Mr. Weckler said the captain tried to right the ship, but seemed unable to take water into the ballast tanks fast enough. The harbor master said he had no doubt the tanks had been pumped dry, but that the captain should have been able to fill them in from 3 to 5 minutes if nothing had been wrong with the ballast tank valves.

"I never saw the Eastland loaded so heavily as it was Saturday morning," said Mr. Weckler, "and I have seen her depart many times.

"I don't think that the Eastland should have been allowed to carry more than 1200 passengers, because it did not have enough draft and stability to carry a larger load.

"Only last Tuesday I told Captain Pedersen that his boat needed trimming, from 3 to 5 minutes if nothing had been wrong with the ballast tank valves.

"I believe," said Mr. Lynn, "that the ship was on the bottom at midships."

Captain John O'Meara, of the tug Kenosha, which was hitched to the Eastland to tow the ship out of the river, testified he did not take hold of the Eastland until after 7:25, several minutes after the ship had begun to list, according to other witnesses.

Even then he waited for word to go ahead, and the captain of the Eastland was not working out the stern, as was necessary to protect the screws. Captain O'Meara said he finally got the word to go ahead, but before the towline was taut the Eastland had listed, and he stopped.

CHINESE CREWS FAIL AT LESSONS

EFFORT TO TEACH ENGLISH IS NOT SUCCESSFUL.

Pacific Mail Official Says It Will Be Impossible to Comply With New Seaman's Law.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 27.—Efforts to teach English to Chinese crews on Pacific Mail Steamship Company vessels have failed, it was said today by A. J. Frey, assistant to the vice-president and general manager of the company. The experiment was made in the hope of complying with requirements of the seaman's act, effective in November, which will require that 75 per cent of crews in all departments shall understand any order given by their officers in the native language of the officers.

Phrase books a third of an inch thick, with the English and Chinese equivalents, were distributed to the Chinese nearly two months ago. The crews received two hours' instruction daily on the voyage. It will require more than a month more for the instructors to complete the round of vessels.

AIRMAN ATTACKS VERONA

Bombs Also Dropped on Ancona; None Hurt in Either City.

VERONA, Italy, July 27.—About a dozen bombs were dropped in this city today by an Austrian aeroplane. There were no victims of the air attack and the damage done to property was insignificant.

An alarm was given as soon as the Austrian machine made its appearance over Verona and all lights were extinguished. All the forts defending the city directed a fire at it, but after throwing down the bombs it succeeded in escaping.

FRENCH ATTACK KAMERUN

German Post in African Colony Occupied by Congo Forces.

PARIS, July 27.—The Governor-General of the French Congo, which adjoins the German colony of Kamerun, telegraphs that, after a series of combats at Monso Beaman and Assobam, a French column occupied the important German post of Lomie, June 25.

The column then advanced as far as Dschaposten, joining another French force, which occupied strong positions to the north and northwest as far as Ngamela.

Minister Morris Operated On.

CHICAGO, July 27.—Ira Nelson Morris, United States Minister to Sweden, is in a hospital after an operation today for the removal of a cystic tumor of the throat. The surgeons announced that the condition of Mr. Morris was good and said he would be able to leave the hospital within two weeks. Mr. Morris arrived here last Friday on a leave of absence.

TENSION ABSENT IN CASE OF LEELANAW

Time Is Given Crew to Leave Steamer.

BOATS ARE TOWED 50 MILES

Treaty, However, Provides for Surrender of Contraband.

FURTHER FACTS AWAITED

Case Regarded as One Likely to Involve Correspondence Similar to That in Case of American Ship Frye.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—Information on one point—whether the captain of the American steamer Leelanaw was requested to deliver out the contraband in his cargo and was willing to do so—is needed by the United States Government before officials can determine the nature of representations to be made to Germany on the destruction of the vessel by a German submarine.

Vessel Visited and Searched.

The rules of visit and search evidently were followed to the letter by the commander of the German submarine, according to official reports thus far received, and due precautions taken for the safety of the crew. Consul-General Skinner, at London, sent today the following message:

"Leelanaw's crew proceeding to Dundee. Captain torpedoed ship states to consular agent at Kirkwall that he had ample time to leave ship before being fired on. Crew went on board submarine and remained some time. Ship's boats taken in tow 50 miles."

Previous messages had reported that the crew landed at Kirkwall in the Leelanaw's own boats.

Dangerous Aspect Removed.

The saving of the crew removed from the case dangerous aspects which might otherwise have brought another climax in the relations between the two governments. There was an absence of tension today, for the case was regarded by officials as a diplomatic controversy which would require further legal argument, such as was made in the case of the William P. Frye. Liability probably will be admitted by Germany. It was thought. The fact that Germany is disputing the meaning of the treaty of 1828 in the Frye case has led to the belief that a similar position would be taken by the German Foreign Office in the present instance.

Under the circular note sent by Germany to neutral governments, which reached here May 11, an offer to arbitrate disputes which might arise in (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

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CASHIER STOCK SAID TO BE OVER-SOLD

Expert Tells of Continuation of Sales.

BUSY PLANTS ARE PICTURED

Letter Announces Plan for 24-Hour Factory Shifts.

ADVISORY PLACE OFFERED

More Requests for Messages From Sales Manager to Agents Are Read During Trial and Big Commissions Reported.

When stock of the United States Cashier Company was taken off the market by order of the directors in January, 1913, \$358,000 worth more than the entire amount of capital stock had been issued and contracted to issue, Hiram S. House, expert accountant for the Government, testified just before court adjourned in the Cashier Company trial yesterday.

2 CRUISERS IN TYPHOON

American Vessels Feel Full Force of Great Storm at Shanghai.

SHANGHAI, July 27.—A great typhoon sprang up at midnight last night and is still raging furiously. The United States cruisers Saratoga and Cincinnati felt the full force of the storm. The Saratoga's anchors were holding, but the Cincinnati was slowly drifting and preparations were made to get the cruiser under steam.

WORMY FRUIT DEFENDED

Washington State College Entomologist Criticizes Inspectors.

STANFORD UNIVERSITY, Cal., July 27.—A. Melander, professor of entomology at Washington State College, in an address today before the California state fruit-growers' convention on "The Abuse of Horticultural Inspectors," criticized inspectors and commissioners in Washington and California.

Tuesday's War Moves

THE Austro-German attempts to envelop the Russian armies defending Warsaw and to capture the Polish capital, which for a time progressed almost with the momentum of an offensive, which cleared the Russian troops from the Lublin-Chelm railway, and where the German Field Marshal von Mackensen has taken a few villages on the way to the Lublin-Chelm railway, and the Austrians, by a counter-offensive at Sokal, have captured positions which will make the German flank safer, but as has so often occurred lately, Berlin officially reports that "otherwise the position of the German troops under Von Mackensen remains unchanged."

Along the western bank of the Vistula from Ivangorod to Novogorod-zyvsk, even less progress apparently has been made, while along the Narw, where Field Marshal von Hindenberg has been directing operations in an effort to drive a wedge in behind the city, he is now largely occupied in meeting the Russian counter-attacks. These counter-attacks, according to Petrograd, have succeeded in forcing the Germans, who had crossed the river, to return to the northern bank at several points, but Berlin asserts that they completely failed, and says the German force is advancing in an easterly direction.

The Russians, who were defeated in the Baltic provinces recently, also have turned, and according to the Berlin official report, have delivered an attack from Mitau, which, however, was repulsed.

FRENCH SUBMARINE SUNK

German U-Boat Reported Victor in Duel in Dardanelles.

BERLIN, July 27, by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.—The French submarine Mariette was destroyed by a German submarine on July 26 in the narrows of the Dardanelles, according to a dispatch from Constantinople to the Mitting Zeitung.

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MERRILL, Or., July 27.—(Special.)—E. A. Lawrence was shot and seriously wounded by Billy Todd on the Lawrence ranch near here this morning following the burning of Lawrence's barn yesterday and an accusation by Lawrence that Todd had set the fire.

MEN WHO ARE FORMULATING PLANS FOR ADEQUATE DEFENSE OF UNITED STATES.



LEFT—MAJOR-GENERAL SCOTT, CHIEF OF ARMY GENERAL STAFF. CENTER—SECRETARY OF WAR GARRISON. RIGHT—BRIGADIER-GENERAL BLISS, ASSISTANT CHIEF OF STAFF.

DEFENSE NOW BEING OUTLINED BY CHIEFS

General Plan Soon to Be Shown President.

BOARDS BEGIN CONFERENCES

Navy Awaits Further Lessons of War in Europe.

EX-SAILORS TO BE LISTED

Department of Labor Gathers Data of Men Available for Reserve Seamen—Progress in Army Reorganization Being Tabbed.

WASHINGTON, July 27.—(Special.)—Officials of the War and Navy Departments began today a series of conferences for the purpose of preparing preliminary reports for President Wilson to show the progress that had been made in formulating plans for better national defense, on which work has been in progress for several months.

Secretary Garrison, who came to Washington today from Seabright, N. J., conferred with Assistant Secretary of War Breckenridge; Major-General Scott, chief of the Army General Staff; Brigadier-General Bliss, assistant chief of staff; Major-General Alshere, head of the Quartermaster's Corps; Brigadier-General Mills, chief of the militia division of the General Staff; Brigadier-General Crozier, chief of ordnance, and other officers.

Navy Board Also Prepares Data.

The general board of the Navy held a meeting to prepare data for Secretary Daniels to present to President Wilson on his return to Washington. It is not the intention of either the Army or Navy officials charged with this duty to perfect programmes at this time for a comprehensive scheme of national defense that will embrace a considerable increase in the personnel of the Army and in the number of vessels composing the fleet. President Wilson wants to know what progress has been made so far toward agreeing on such programmes, and the conferences today were held to arrange for drawing up preliminary statements on the subject.

Army Reorganization Planned.

Secretary Garrison says that he hoped to present to President Wilson plans for the reorganization of the Army from Constantinople, a general outline of the proposed Army reorganization. It was not a rush order, said Mr. Garrison, but would be a report on what the War Department administration had been doing for some time.

The general board of the Navy, of which Admiral Dewey is the president, decided at its meeting today that it would not attempt at this time to complete its plans for an increase of the fleet or determine its recommendations on the other questions that have to do with naval preparation until the latest possible moment before the convening of Congress, so as to take advantage of the latest available information from the war zones.

At the request of the Navy Department, the Department of Labor has undertaken to obtain a list of former enlisted men of the Navy now employed by industrial concerns and in other employment. The purpose of the list is to enable the Navy Department to make further preparations for the formation of an adequate reserve to be called to the colors in time of war.

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