



1000 DROWN AS VESSEL UPSETS

Excursionists Perish Within Few Feet of Shore.

MANY ARE STILL IN HULL

Picnic of 7000 Employes of Electric Company and Their Friends Ends Tragically.

RESCUE EFFORTS FUTILE

Large Proportion of Women and Children Among Victims of Disaster.

CHICAGO, July 24.—A thousand persons lost their lives in the Chicago River today by the capsizing of the excursion steamer Eastland, while warping from its wharf with more than 2400 employes of the Western Electric Company and their relatives and friends on board, bound for a pleasure trip across Lake Michigan.

After ceaseless work all day and far into the night, the bodies of 842 victims of the catastrophe, most of them women and children, were collected from the temporary morgues and taken to the Second Regiment Armory.

Coroner Makes Estimate.

When these bodies had been tagged, Coroner Hoffman, taking into consideration estimates of bodies thought to be in the hold of the steamer lying on its side in the river and in the stream itself, said he had hopes that the total dead would not exceed 1000.

Many Drown Near Land.

Every effort was made by thousands of persons on the river wharf to rescue the drowning men, women and children, but many drowned almost within grasp of the river bank.

Factory Street in Mourning.

Kolin avenue, a small street near the factory of the Western Electric Company, was in universal mourning tonight. Every house lost from one to all its occupants in the disaster.

CAUSE IS MYSTERY, CAPTAIN DECLARES

SKIPPER ON BRIDGE WHEN VESSEL IS OVERTURNED.

Years of Experience on Lakes and Ocean Said to Hold No Solution of Great Tragedy.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Captain Harry Pedersen, 57 years old, of Benton Harbor, Mich., who was in command of the steamer Eastland, said today:

"I was on the bridge and was about ready to pull out when I noticed the boat began to list. I shouted orders to open the inside doors nearest the dock and give the people a chance to get out. The boat continued to roll, and shortly afterward the hawsers broke and the steamer turned over on its side and was drifting toward the middle of the river.

"When she went over, I jumped and held on to the upper side. It all happened in two minutes. The cause is a mystery to me. I have sailed the lakes 25 years and previous to that sailed on salt water 12 years and this is the first serious accident I ever had. I do not know how it happened."

TURKS' ATTACK REPULSED

General Hamilton Reports Victory for Allies in Sharp Fight.

LONDON, July 24.—Official announcement was made here today that the Turkish forces at the Dardanelles have made a new attack on the allies and have been repulsed. The text of the statement follows:

"Sir Ian Hamilton reports that in the southern section about 3 P. M. yesterday, the Turks attacked the northern trenches on our left flank. Our front trenches in that neighborhood were shelled rather heavily.

"The whole affair lasted 20 minutes."

AUTO MOVING HOUSEHOLD

Salem Party Crossing Continent Carry Conveniences and Pets.

HOOD RIVER, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—Accompanied by W. E. Ligon, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Keely, of Salem, who passed through Hood River en route to Chicago by automobile, were enjoying all the little domestic joys of home life. Singing merrily in its cage, attached to the raised hood of the car, was a little canary bird. The tonneau of the machine was divided by Mrs. Keely with a 3-week-old pup and another dog, a family favorite.

Forest Fire Is Raging

Residences and Farms Near Grants Pass May Be in Danger.

GRANTS PASS, Or., July 24.—(Special.)—A big forest fire, which started this morning near the granite pit, one mile west of town, has been raging all day, and rapidly approaching town. No alarm is felt for the outlying residences, as that section was burned over a year or so ago.

There is some danger to the small farmers just beyond the city limits, and if the wind from the north stiffens tonight, or tomorrow the fire may spread westward along the low hills to the large farms and orchards of the lower valley.

Salvation Army Auditor Here.

Colonel Bates, the international Salvation Army auditor, will speak here today at 207 Salmon street. Colonel Bates has just come from British Columbia and is on his way to Japan. He will be here all day.

WORK OF RESCUE IS QUICKLY UNDERWAY

Divers Hastened Into Submerged Hull.

STEEL PLATES CUT WITH FIRE

Morgues Extemporized Nearby on Water-Front.

MANY OF INJURED WILL DIE

Efforts to Resuscitate Those Taken From River Seldom Successful.

Baby Taken Alive From Heart of Vessel.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Stories of heroism in connection with the disaster to the steamer Eastland were almost as numerous tonight as the number of persons on the scene immediately after the disaster. Boats took rescued passengers to the wharf or to the steamer Theodore Roosevelt, which had tied up near the upset Eastland. In an hour the water was cleared of excursionists. The bodies that had not been taken to land had sunk or were swirling along the river towards the drainage canal locks at Lockport, Ill., many miles away. The locks were raised to stop the current and arrangements were made to take bodies from the river along its course through the southwest part of Chicago.

Divers Hasten to Scene.

Shortly after the water was cleared ship engineers and helpers were on the exposed side of the Eastland's hull cutting through its steel plates with gas flames. Divers were hurried into underwater suits. A bridge of boats was formed between the pier and the capsized ship. As the divers gained entrance to the hull the scene of distress moved for the time being from the river to the extemporized morgues. Warehouses of wholesale companies along the river were thrown open and bodies were laid in rows on the floors.

Scores of persons taken from the water were severely injured, and these taken to the Iroquois hospital, built in memory of the 600 women children and a few men who were burned and crushed to death in the Iroquois Theater New Year's eve several years ago.

Few Are Resuscitated.

Efforts to resuscitate those taken from the river were unsuccessful except in two or three instances. It was said that many of those injured would die.

The whole city was soon in consternation over the catastrophe. Word of the accident spread rapidly, and to the thousands already at or near the wharf other thousands added themselves. The Clark-street bridge, near the wharf, was crowded until it threatened to collapse. Streets had to be cleared by the police to allow the movement of ambulances.

Business men sent their automobiles and motor trucks to help aid the injured and carry away the dead. One warehouse soon was filled with bodies and other dead were taken to the Second Regiment Armory, a mile away.

City Draped in Mourning.

Mayor Thompson was in San Francisco and Chief of Police Healy was also out of town, but Acting Mayor Moorhouse sent out a request that the city display signs of mourning. Flags on public buildings were placed at half mast and many places were draped with mourning. Baseball games were postponed and festivities largely ceased.

While those on land were disposing

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CAUSE OF ACCIDENT IS SOUGHT AT ONCE

Federal, State, Local Inquiries Begun.

COMPANY OFFICERS ARRESTED

Preparations for Inspection of Vessel Are Made.

RAISING TO BE TRIED

Health Officer Arranges to Purify Chicago River as Precaution Against Epidemic Caused by Bodies in Water.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Moves toward sweeping investigations of the disaster to the steamer Eastland were under way today long before the bodies had been taken from the hull of the overturned vessel.

Federal Judge Landis ordered a grand jury impaneled to investigate the catastrophe. State's Attorney Hoyne prepared for a county grand jury. Coroner Hoffman selected a jury to look into the cause of the deaths. The police arrested all the officers of the Eastland and the health commissioner arranged to purify the river for fear death might be spread by the presence of so many bodies in the stream.

Vessel to Be Inspected.

Arrangements were also made to get at the sunken vessel to determine the underlying causes of the accident. Dericks on scows were taken to the side of the Eastland and marine engineers were engaged to make an inspection of the ship.

Coroner Hoffman announced late tonight that he had ordered the arrest of every official of the Indiana Transportation Company, which leased the Eastland. No individuals were mentioned in the coroner's announcement.

Coroner Hoffman began the inquest today. He had several photographs taken and ordered the Chief of Police Healey, who inspected the hull late in the afternoon, expressed the opinion that there were still 200 bodies in the boat, which could not be recovered until the boat is raised.

Passengers Ready to Side.

That a sudden rush of passengers on the deck of the Eastland to port side to look at a speeding launch caused the catastrophe, was the assertion of Jack Elbert, gauge tender of the steamer.

He said he and J. M. Erickson, chief engineer, escaped drowning by clinging through water in the hatch and crawling out of a hole into the river.

"The steamer Eastland was kept stable by means of a water ballast system," Elbert said. Water is pumped into the chambers in the ship until she becomes steady. This was done before even freight was taken on board. The first thing I noticed this morning was that the Eastland began to lean to starboard. Erickson, the chief engineer, was in charge of the pumps used to pump the water into the chambers.

"He water boys, steady her up a little," and then we pumped water into the other side until she was up even and all right. He had just evened her up when a launch came down the river and passed the Eastland and the crowd on deck rushed over to port side to look at it. The weight all on one side apparently proved too much and the Eastland began to list badly.

"We worked frantically at the pumps to try to bring her back."

Eye-witnesses informed the police that there was a man in the launch operating a moving picture camera and that this attracted the attention of passengers on the Eastland, who rushed to one side of the boat.

Saturday's War Moves

THE Austro-German armies seem unable to force the Russians from the important position to the immediate west of Warsaw and from the line along the Lublin-Chelm railroad, but German victories in Northern Poland and north of the Polish capital have tightened their grip on the city and military critics say that the abandonment of Warsaw by the Russians again becomes more probable.

After weeks of battering, the German forces for the first time have crossed the Narew River north of Warsaw and now have a considerable weight of men on the south bank of that river, between the fortresses of Homan and Pultusk, which a Berlin official statement describes as having been stormed irresistibly. The communication, however, does not say whether the fortresses capitulated.

The fight in Southern Courland, according to German assertions, has resulted in some favorable circumstances, while victory such as was familiar in wars of former years, General Von Buelow's forces having cut off the Russian retreat and delivered a body blow. It is said that the Germans cut up the retreating troops badly, dispersing those who were not killed, wounded or captured.

That the Russians are plainly holding the immediate Warsaw front is plainly evidenced by a German official statement, which refers to minor operations in this area and tells of a comparatively insignificant number of prisoners taken. Military critics say this indicates that there have been no serious attacks on either side, which probably means that the Germans are dug in, awaiting reinforcements and some favorable circumstances, while the Russians, from their strongholds, are risking nothing in counter attacks.

The report of the investment of Ivanogorod is now patently erroneous, as the Germans speak of attacks west of the city and, though asserting that they hurried the Russians across the Vistula to the northward of the city, do not contend that their forces obtained a foothold on the eastern bank.

Mining and grenade throwing around Sochaczew constitute about the only noteworthy event along the western front, and this has brought no change in the situation.

The Turks again have assailed the British left on the Gallipoli peninsula. The attacking party approached the Turkish trenches with the snip that they have heretofore shown, but the Turks withered before the machine gun fire and the British lost no ground.

Yesterday was the anniversary of Austria's ultimatum to Serbia, which so soon was followed by the great war. Little has been heard of the Serbian army for several months, but it would cause no surprise if something developed soon along this front with the Serbian forces.

312 JITNEYS PASS TESTS

Time to Take Out Permits Under New Law Expires; 36 Rejected.

Portland has 312 jitneys. This was the total number they obtained permits to operate under the city's new ordinance up to 5 o'clock last night, which was the last hour for taking out permits. All jitney drivers operating from now on without a permit will be arrested.

It had been arranged to close down on the inspection at noon yesterday, but Jitney Inspector Gallop was unable to finish his work, so the time was extended five hours. In that time 14 machines were examined. A total of 36 machines has been rejected.

GERMAN REFUGE ASKED

Aberdeen Urged to Offer Asylum to Those "Persecuted in Canada."

ABERDEEN, Wash., July 24.—(Special.)—A circular letter, urging the Aberdeen Chamber of Commerce "to invite the persecuted German residents of Canada to come to Washington and that they be assured equal protection with other residents here," has been received by N. P. Bryan, secretary. The letter contains a resolution drafted by the North Pacific Gymnasium Union of America in session in Seattle.

BERLIN EXPECTED TO MODIFY VIEWS

Diplomats in Washington Optimistic.

SOLUTION APPEARS CLEAR

Opinion Is Germany Will Retreat From Position.

NOTE GIVES OPPORTUNITY

Belief Prevails at Capital That Understanding Now Exists That Submarines Will Observe Rules of War.

BY LOUIS SEIBOLD.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—(Special.)—The two views of the President's last communication to the German government relating to the issues growing out of Germany's submarine policy that excite the "greatest interest," while reached by different points of analysis, agree as to the probable result of it.

This is that, unless the German government is really intent on picking a quarrel with the United States, its Ministers can find no legitimate provocation for one in the President's declaration of principle.

The consensus of opinion among officials, legislators, the press and the public generally carries with it the fullest indorsement of the President's position.

Chance Given to Back Down.

The diplomatic view is that, while the President has couched his final words in the dispute with Germany in forcible though polite language, he has stretched a point to give the German government an opportunity to back down from the stubborn attitude persisted in by it since the beginning.

The acceptance of this opportunity, international authorities believe, will not cause Germany loss of prestige abroad or humiliation at home.

German Viewpoint Favorable.

The German viewpoint as reflected in official circles is singularly favorable. While Count von Bernstorff, the German Ambassador, sedulously refrains from making any comment regarding it, there is justification for the statement that his interpretation of the President's final declaration is that "while the first and last parts of it are a trifle harsh as to language, the rest of it is couched in most friendly terms."

Diplomatic opinion privately expressed is decidedly optimistic as to a peaceful outcome of the controversy between the United States and Germany, unless, as said, the latter government fears the possible consequences at home of what might be regarded as a surrender of its rights.

The solution of the difficulty appears to be reasonably clear to diplomats.

"Profound Regret" Acceptable.

Germany has only to indicate her profound regret at consequences to American lives and interests of its policy of making war on Great Britain, its enemy, and to continue the precautions that it has observed since the destruction of the Lusitania.

This will, it is believed, be accepted by the United States if it is accompanied by the expressed willingness of the Kaiser's government to make such material reparation as may apply to the situation.

The process by which it can be accomplished according to leading officials of this Government and representatives of foreign nations accredited to it, is decidedly simple. By making the disavowal called for by the

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CARTOONIST REYNOLDS SETS DOWN HIS IMPRESSIONS OF SOME NEWS EVENTS OF THE WEEK.

