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1300 TO 1700 LIVES LOST ON CHICAGO EXCURSION BOAT

Steamer Eastland Capsizes Near Wharf With 2500 Persons on Board

SLIDE INTO WATER

Many Women and Children in Holiday Crowd Meet Death in Chicago River

RECOVER OVER 500 BODIES

Divers Work Between Decks and a Body Is Brought to Surface Every Two Minutes—Other Dead Found in River

FROM 1,300 TO 1,500 ESTIMATED DEAD

CHICAGO, July 24.—With 679 known dead tabulated in ten morgues, Coroner Hoffman estimated at 2:40 o'clock that the total death list is thirteen hundred. Deputy Chief of Police Schuetzler estimated seventeen hundred deaths.

1300 RECOVERED AT 4:15 O'CLOCK

CHICAGO, July 24.—At 4:15 o'clock Coroner's Physician Springer was quoted as saying that thirteen hundred bodies had been recovered and tagged.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Hundreds, perhaps 1200 to 1500 persons were drowned today when the excursion steamer Eastland, crowded with 2500 Western Electric Company employes, capsized in the Chicago River.

Four hours later, rescuers were still taking bodies from the vessel through holes cut in the hull. Reports from down the river stated that additional bodies were being taken from the water.

Recover 500 Bodies

At noon five hundred dead had been found. Coroner Hoffman estimated that five to ten hundred were still in the hull. The crowding of passengers to one side of the boat is believed to have been the cause of the tragedy. The authorities, not satisfied with this explanation, arrested Captain Harry Pederson and First Mate Dell Fisher.

Passengers in Panic. A panic of the worst kind struck the passengers when the boat began to keel over. The best accounts of witnesses say the steamer rolled twice slightly, then turned further and hundreds of screaming, struggling men, women and children, slid across the sloping decks, fought for room on the companion ways and clutched at everything nearest them.

Caught Below Decks

Hundreds of women and children were caught below decks. Scratched faces, torn clothing and bruised bodies gave evidence of their desperate struggle for life. The tragedy occupied less than five minutes. When the boat began to turn on its side, officers shouted warnings, but the time was too short.

Rush to Rescue

The city fire boat, police launches lifeboats and nearby steamers were rushed to the rescue. When the firemen chopped holes in the hull bodies were found piled like boxes of merchandise. Sixty per cent of them were women, a deputy Coroner said.

Divers Working

Through the efforts of divers working between the submerged decks, bodies were being hauled to the surface, one every two minutes. One diver, under water for one hour, said he knew there were 50 bodies still in the steamer's bow.

Suspend Business

Scenes similar to those following the Iroquois disaster cast a gloom on South Water street, Chicago's great produce center. Commission firms practically suspended business, throwing open their establishments

TELLS OF ACCIDENT

MAN ABOARD GIVES DESCRIPTION OF THE DISASTER

Vessel Lists, Breaks From Moorings and Then Turns Over in Mid Stream

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, July 24.—The "candy butcher" on the steamer, was the first eye witness to tell a detailed story of the accident. He said: "It was about 7:40 o'clock this morning and the boat, chartered by the Western Electric company employes for an excursion to Michigan City, was lying at the dock near the Clark street bridge loading passengers.

"There were hundreds of women and children. We were to leave in twenty minutes. The upper deck and cabins were crowded. I estimate that between two and three thousand were on board.

Boat Rolled.

"I was standing on the lower deck near the gang plank. Suddenly I noticed the boat begin to list toward the center of the river. The vessel rolled slightly at first, then seemed to stop but started to roll again. I became alarmed and shouted to the crowd to keep still. Apparently the majority of the passengers were on one side of the boat, overweighting it and causing the list.

Drifted From Dock.

"Suddenly the hawsers snapped and officers pulled the gang plank in refusing to allow others on board. At this time everybody was panic stricken. Women screamed and the men tried to quiet them. The boat then slowly drifted away from the dock, rolling as it slipped into mid-stream and a moment later it tumbled over on its side.

Climbed Over Side.

"I climbed over the side and was taken off by life savers. Many leaped into the water as the boat went over. Scores were caught in cabins and drowned. I worked with other survivors taking people out of the water and cutting holes in the cabins to remove the bodies."

EARLIER REPORTS

Relief at First That Dead and Missing Numbered 1,000

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, July 24.—The big steel ship Eastland, crowded with picnickers, turned turtle in the Chicago River at 7:40 today. The first reports were that 2,500 persons were on board. The Daily News estimates that one thousand are drowned or missing. The boat was chartered by the Western Electric company for the employes picnic.

Recovering Bodies

More than three hundred bodies had been recovered at 9 o'clock, according to Dr. T. S. Carter, who examined the bodies. Associated Press men who got by the guards counted 150 bodies, mostly women, in the cabin of one of the rescue boats.

for temporary morgues and hospitals.

All the downtown department stores hurried truck loads of blankets to cover the dead and drenched women and children huddled in shivering groups.

Floating Morgue

Newspaper men were denied access to the Theodore Roosevelt, the excursion steamer used as a morgue. The police who guarded the gangways declined to say how many corpses there were on board, but rows of dead could be seen on the decks.

Pulmotor Used

Frantic efforts were made to revive the victims. A score of pulmotors were used and when life was found to be extinct the bodies were laid out on the decks. Tugs in the city service were sent blocks down stream to search for drifting bodies.

A grand jury investigation is practically assured.

Sells Auto. — Geo. Goodrum has sold his new Buick demonstration car to Mart Sherrard of Bandon and has already delivered it.

CAPACITY WAS 2500

INSPECTOR SAW THE VESSEL WAS NOT OVERLOADED

Eastland Had Similar Trouble Eight Years Ago, But the Passenger Were Saved From Disaster

WORSE THAN THE BURNING OF SLOCUM

The accident today to the Eastland was the worst disaster in Chicago, wherein women and children were affected since the Iroquois theater fire when over 700 were killed.

The Eastland was similar, in that it was an excursion party, to the burning of the General Slocum, when 1,000 were killed. The Slocum on June 15, 1904, burned as she was going through Hell Gate, New York Harbor.

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, July 24.—Two U. S. Inspectors watched the Eastland load its full capacity, 2500 persons, allowed by the steamship regulations. The Eastland nearly met a similar disaster eight years ago in the harbor of New Haven, Michigan, when, crowded with passengers, the vessel listed badly as water ballast was being taken on board. The officers on the ship prevented disaster by driving the passengers to the other side.

ESCAPES LYNCHING

SHEEPHERD ADMITS KIDNAPPING—LODGED IN JAIL

Was Holding Son of a Wealthy Rancher for a Ransom of Five Thousand Dollars

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, July 24.—Lon Dean, a shepherd who admits kidnaping E. A. Empey, son of a wealthy rancher several days ago, holding him for \$5000 ransom, was lodged in the Bonneville county jail early today by cowboys after a hard night ride to save Dean from lynching. Dean was captured on Sheep Mountain last night after Empey escaped.

TO BE A BUSY TERM

EQUITY CASES BY DOZENS FILE UP ON COURT DOCKET

None Said to be Large but Volume Is Great—Many Coos Bay Cases To Be Tried Here

Every little motion, and big motion, too, had a meaning all its very own yesterday at the opening of the equity term at Coquille, according to the attorneys who returned from their last evening and this morning. Motions for new trials were filed and some were argued. Motions regarding cost bills on cases of last term were before Judge Coke, and perhaps more equity cases than have been listed in several years were placed before the court for docket arrangement.

There are few big interesting cases for this term, it is said, the docket for the most part being cluttered with lesser grievances and what is lacking in weight is made up in volume.

Not the whole of the term will be held in Coquille as Judge Coke has already evidenced his wish to hear cases of Coos Bay in Marshfield.

Coquille Street Case

The suit of 32 Coquille property owners against the city over paving trouble is said to be one of the largest cases on the docket. A demurrer has been filed by G. T. Treadgold, of Bandon, on behalf of the contractor, and L. A. Liljeqvist, representing Coquille, made a motion yesterday to strike out a portion of the 42-page complaint filed by Graves and McInturf on the part of the protesting property owners.

The sigh-seeking car

NANN SMITH Leaves the Chandler for SUNSET 9 a. m., Sunday \$1.00 Round Trip

LINNEA PICNIC

Linnea Lodge will hold their annual picnic tomorrow at Catching Inlet. Alice H and Mae leave Marshfield dock, 8 sharp.

WILL PROTECT THE AMERICANS

No Bullets From Mexico Must Come Across the United States Border

ORDERS ARE GIVEN

General Funston Has Been Instructed From Washington To Repel Any Firing

INSIST ON AN AGREEMENT

Carranza and Villa Promise Not to Fight Where There Was Danger to This Country—Conflict Between Mexican Factions

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

SAN ANTONIO, Tex., July 24.—Definite orders have been received from Washington by Major General Frederick Funston, commanding the border troops, to repel any firing into American territory in the fighting threatened between the Carranza and Villa forces at Nogales and Nacac.

ORDERS DRASTIC

United States Determined to Protect Americans

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Gen. Funston's orders to prevent firing into American territory along the Mexican border are the most drastic the war department has yet given to protect Americans endangered by battles between the Mexican factions on the border. It is understood that Carranza and Villa both have been notified of the United States' determination to use force to prevent violation of the agreement obtained by Brigadier Gen. Scott, chief of the army staff by which factions agreed not to battle where shots might cross the American border.

FORESTER IS HERE

SUPERVISOR ELLIOTT FROM SALEM LOOKING OVER TIMBER

Cruised Good Share of O. & C. Land Grants—Believes Western Oregon Should Reap Benefits

"I cruised the greater share of the timber in the Oregon-California Land Grant and if the state should finally open it to settlers after the timber has been taken off, not five per cent of it would be taken up in the next 50 years."

Such was the statement made this morning by State Forester Elliott, who, accompanied by his wife, arrived last night in a roadster. They came from Ashland by way of Crescent City and tomorrow will leave for Roseburg in their machine.

For 18 years, between 1889 and 1906, Mr. Elliott was with the railroad company. He knows the timber of the Southern Oregon counties extremely well, having for years been engaged in cruises in these parts.

"And I firmly believe that the state ought to get control of it," he declared. "There are 14,000,000 acres in this state now in forest reserves. That is enough."

He believes the western part of Oregon should derive the benefits from the 2,300,000 acres after the railroad has been paid for its equity. "Put it into the roads and the school fund is my idea," he said.

He also expressed the belief that the only way the timber can be made use of any way is through the operation of the big lumber companies and their mills. "I don't believe that ten per cent of it would be fit for agriculture. It's too much up and down."

Next Month Dangerous

August and part of September is the dangerous season of the year, said the State Forester. Late rains have delayed fires, but there was little snow in the mountains last winter, he said.

The state works in conjunction with the fire associations of the state. In Coos County there are during the season between 25 and 30 fire patrols. Fire Warden A. L. Crouch, of Coquille, was here this

WILL TAKE UP DEFENSE PLAN

President Wilson Calls for Reports From the War and Navy Departments

TO WASTE NO TIME

Will Have All Information Gathered to Present to the Members of Congress

SCHEME NOT MADE PUBLIC

Conference of Heads of Navy and Army Will Be Held as Soon as the President Returns From the Summer White House

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

WASHINGTON, D. C., July 24.—Formal announcement was made at the White House today that President Wilson, after his return from Cornish will confer with Secretaries Garrison and Daniels on the program for national defense. The President has written the heads of the war and navy departments for reports.

Ready for Congress

While nothing was stated officially regarding the government's purpose, it was officially hinted that with the dispatch of the new German note the President had decided to hasten reports being worked out for the regular session of congress so all available information would be ready if an emergency arose.

Would Save Time.

As yet there are no intimations that the President has fixed a definite time to submit the national defense program to congress but his purpose is said to be to may out a comprehensive plan so time will not be lost should he decide to call a special session.

Note Made Public

Before the President left Cornish the text of the note to Germany was made public. The only suggestion of a threat in the note was embodied in the last paragraph which said that repetition by German commanders of acts of contravention to neutral shipping rights must be regarded by the United States as an unfriendly act. It is believed that this was changed before the note was sent so that it was not so severe.

The note is not regarded as an ultimatum but rather it suggests, diplomats say, new ways of settling the difficulties.

Ambassador Bernstorff was handed a copy of the note and was pleased, and left the impression that his opinion was that the avenues for discussion were not closed.

The note says that the whole world looked with increasing interest at the demonstration of the possibility of the visiting and searching of American vessels by German naval commanders and that it was possible therefore the lift the whole practice of submarine attacks above the criticism which it had aroused.

Germany is assured by Great Britain will be brought to task regarding the freedom of the seas and invites discussion. No time limit is placed on answering the note.

ITALIANS TAKE TOWN

GENEVA, July 24.—A Tribune dispatch from Milan says: "Many persons arriving at Milan state the Italians have captured Gorizia after severe fighting."

morning to consult with Mr. Elliott.

The Week's Fund provides for the payment of five fire patrols in this county, most of the other salaries being paid by the fire association. These fire patrols look after the head waters of streams outside of the forest reserves.

Game Commissioner.

The road from Ashland to Crescent City, Mr. Elliott called very good, and the one north from there to Bandon he said was good with the exception of an 11-mile strip between Langlois and Bandon. He wired to a large party from Klamath Falls that this road is all right and they are expected here Monday. C. F. Stone, of the State Fish and Game Commission, is in the party.

FISHERMEN CLASH

TROUBLE BETWEEN TWO FAMILIES ON ROGUE RIVER

Expected That Legal Proceedings Will Follow Recent Action of Opposition Plant

(Special to The Times.)

GOLD BEACH, Oregon, July 24.—There has been some trouble between the two rival salmon canneries on Rogue River. The Gold Beach Globe tells the following of a recent near clash.

"Many went to the Elder fishing grounds Sunday evening to witness what they expected to be a clash between the different fishermen and seining crew. In this, however, they were disappointed, as few, if any ill words passed between the two crews of men.

Used a Seine.

"The seine arrived at the grounds shortly after six o'clock to make a haul. About the time the seine arrived at the grounds several drift nets changed their usual method of waiting until dark, layed out ahead of the seine.

The seine proceeded to lay out around the nets, and three drift nets pulled over the seine and layed out within the bite, and were likewise pulled ashore with the rest. It is needless to say that the drift nets got all the salmon.

Borders Larceny.

Mr. Macleay who was present notified them that it was nothing short of larceny. To the credit of the local boys who are fishing for the Seaboard cannery many of whom were present, there was only one concerned in the above mentioned trouble, all the rest being outside fishermen.

Legals Steps Expected.

Just what legal steps will be taken to prevent the recurrence of such acts, have not yet been made public, but such work cannot and will not be tolerated longer by the Macleay interests.

FIVE ARE EXECUTED

VILLA PUNISHES THE COUNTERFEITING OF MONEY

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

EL PASO, Tex., July 24.—Manuel Pintero and Juan Fernandez, Spaniards, charged with counterfeiting Villa money, and three Mexicans, charged with speculating in foodstuffs, were executed Wednesday at Torreon by Villa's orders, according to information, regarded as authentic, reaching here today.

HOTEL IS ROBBED

ONLY \$10 SECURED IN RANSACKING HOTEL MARSHFIELD

Robbers entered the Marshfield hotel between 8:20 and 10:15 last night, pulled out bureau drawers and turned them upside down and ransacked through practically all the beds and dressers of the house, escaping with about \$10 in cash. This was in a purse belonging to Miss Ruth Hedden, of Coos River, who had come down to visit with Mrs. Bessie Berry, who now has charge of the hotel. The police were called but no trace of the miscreants could be found.

That the robbery was committed by some one who had knowledge of the hotel is the belief of Mrs. Berry. She stated, however, that she has no suspicions against anyone particular.

Heard No One.

Miss Ellen Rando, who rooms on the second floor, says that she came home and went to bed about 9:15 and that she heard no one prowling about the house. She was awakened shortly after 10 o'clock by Mrs. Berry, who had returned home with Miss Hedden, to find her mother-in-law, Mrs. Anna Foster, who had come in a few minutes before, sitting on the steps. Mrs. Foster said she had found things upside down and immediately came back downstairs again.

Police Are Called.

Officer Richardson was called. He went through the rooms. It was found that bits of jewelry had not been touched though the boxes in which rings and cuff buttons were kept were found open.

Mrs. Berry said that she carried about \$20 downtown with her, rather than leave it at home. There were no men rooming in the house at the time of the robbery, she said.

WARSAW'S FATE YET UNSETTLED

Teutonic Forces Are Continuing a Terrible Siege Against the Capital of Poland

HAMMER THE FORTS

Germany Claims the Defenses of the City are Being Weakened by Attacks

BATTLE RAGES FIERCELY

Souls of Lublin Big Armies are in Death Struggle With No Advantage Claimed by Either Side—Pressing Russians at Rosen

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, July 24.—From all sides except in the east, the Teutonic armies continue a concerted pressure on Warsaw, whose fate is still undecided. A direct assault on the fortresses protecting the city are weakening the defenses, the Germans claim. Ivangorod is being hammered especially hard.

The battle rages fiercely south of Lublin, neither side claiming any advantage. Northeast of Warsaw, Gen Von Hindenburg's forces press the Russian bridge at Rosen. Petrograd is silent on the outcome.

The Courland campaign progresses favorably to the Germans who also claim progress along the Bug near the Galician border despite the desperate Russian resistance.

DEFEATS RUSSIANS

GEN. VON BUELOW'S ARMY HAS SCORED A SUCCESS

Storm Fortresses and Force a Crossing of the Narew River, Is the Report

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

BERLIN, July 24.—Gen. Von Buelow's army has defeated the Russians near Shavil, is officially announced today. The Germans fighting toward Warsaw have stormed Rogan and Poltusk fortresses and forced a crossing of the Narew River.

TURKS REPULSED

SUCH IS REPORT RECEIVED AT LONDON TODAY

States That They Attacked the Allies at the Dardanelles Without Success

(By Associated Press to Coos Bay Times.)

LONDON, July 24.—It is officially announced here today that the Turkish forces in the Dardanelles have made a new attack on the Allies and have been repulsed.

PIONEER IS DEAD

JOHN FITZGERALD OF LOOKING GLASS PASSES AWAY

Father of Mrs. Herbert Rogers and J. E. Fitzgerald, Who Were Notified

Mrs. Herbert Rogers left this morning for Roseburg in response to a message stating that her father, John Fitzgerald, had died suddenly at Red Bluff, California. Her brother, J. E. Fitzgerald of First Addition has also gone to Roseburg to attend the funeral.

John Fitzgerald was a pioneer of Looking Glass Valley, near Roseburg. He was eighty-two years old. He had not been feeling well for some time and a week or ten days ago started for California in hopes of securing relief but the trip was futile.

Besides Mrs. Rogers and J. E. Fitzgerald of Marshfield, he is survived by a second wife and several children who reside in or near Roseburg.

Before leaving for downtown Miss Hedden had put her money, which was in a purse, inside her suit case. The beds, clothes and mattresses had been pulled from the beds in some instances, evidently under the belief there was more hidden treasure.