

# TOO MANY ABOARD EASTLAND CAUSE OF IT TURNING ON SIDE

Chicago Prosecutor Gets Evidence to This Effect From Hundred Witnesses.

## OTHER LAW VIOLATIONS

Investigators Find Gangways Not Closed and Lower Port Holes Open Contrary to Regulations.

Chicago, July 26.—(I. N. S.)—The excursion steamer Eastland, which sank Saturday in the Chicago river was overcrowded, and overloading was responsible for the tragedy.

Mr. Frank J. Murphy, attorney of State's Attorney Macay Hoyne, after examining more than 100 witnesses.

"All the testimony," said Assistant State Attorney Rader today, "points to the fact that the Eastland was overloaded. There are other considerations, but the main fact is that overloading caused the tragedy. The State's attorneys office is prepared to make charges to this effect."

**Gangways Not Closed.**

"There also were other law violations and irregularities. Some inside facts as to the workings of government inspectors will be revealed.

"We found the gangways were not closed. The lower port holes were not closed, either, as they should have been."

At 11 o'clock First Deputy Chief of Police Scheutte estimated that there were still 500 bodies unrecovered.

"It is impossible," he said, "to give a close estimate. Judging by the numbers the divers can see, there are still 500 in the hull."

A net was stretched today under the bridges adjacent to the spot where the Eastland turned turtle. These efforts to bring up scores of missing excursionists.

Several bodies, caught in the current, were found today in a net across the Twelfth street bridge, nearly two miles from the scene of the accident.

Early today, 30 hours after the ship turned turtle, the body of the Second regiment armory, Curtis street and Washington boulevard, hundreds of the bereaved thronged the big building, dry faced and weeping men and women mingled together, seeking for their loved ones among the unidentified dead. Sixty bodies were lying unclaimed at the morgue and others were being brought in every hour.

Mayor William Hale Thompson is putting back to Chicago from San Francisco, preparing to take up the work of directing the city's forces as soon as he reaches the city. He is due to arrive Wednesday morning.

**S. Inspectors Blamed.**

State's Attorney Hoyne insists that much of the responsibility for the disaster rests with the United States inspection service.

Their own records show that they have been grossly negligent. Those who were in a position to know the situation of the Eastland warned the bureau a year ago that certain improvements were necessary. Certain provisions taken, a calamity would occur," said Mr. Hoyne early today. "Did those in charge of the bureau pay any heed to that warning or did they make any effort to find out if such a charge was true? So far as I can find out, they did not."

**Life Preservers Faulty.**

Mr. Hoyne also learned early today that life preservers, said to have been taken from the Eastland, were filled with granulated cork instead of whole pieces of cork as required by maritime law.

"Forty-four officers and members of the crew, the ill-fated steamship are locked up today pending developments of the inquiries. Those in custody include the captain, first and second mates of the Eastland, and some of the officials of the company owning the vessel."

I permit the dynamiting at this time of the Eastland. To do so would destroy evidence which might fix responsibility for the catastrophe.

The body of Mrs. Susie Plamondon was identified today as a victim of the Eastland disaster. Her husband and two daughters, confined in a local hospital, were kept in ignorance as to her fate. Charles A. Plamondon, a brother of the husband, lost his life on the Louisiana.

**BLAMES U. S.**

**INSPECTOR FOR  
RIVER DISASTER**

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be made to determine whether any federal laws were violated.

In the meantime grief stricken families, aided by the city and county authorities, were arranging for the removals of the Eastland victims. The first was held today when Mary Kane was buried at Cicero.

**Funerals Tomorrow.**

Most of the funerals will be held tomorrow and Wednesday, however; when all Chicago will be plunged into deepest mourning.

The number of dead recovered was 100. The bodies of a young girl, a man and a boy were plucked up from the river after coming to the surface, and the body of a man was taken from the hull.

Despite the belief in marine circles that it was impossible to raise the Eastland, Captain Hoffmann contracted with W. J. Wood, naval architect, to attempt to lift the steamer from the muddy bottom of the river.

Divers working about the hull of the Eastland were unable to raise the terrible sights inside the ship until arrangements were made for them to work in shifts. Fifty divers have been engaged and will be kept at work until the last body is removed.

**Shipwreck Victims.**

Divine Remedy Bowles was called away from the ship during the night after having worked for 40 hours. He was dazed and muttering to himself of the terrors in the hull when he took a rest.

"It's them faces," said Bowles.

Those left at yard were then ship away as if in a game of tag. Only the faces of the babies are calm. They died before they could realize death was upon them. I found one man on his knees, his arms extended upward in prayer. There are still lots of women down there with babies clutching in their arms.

Divers located many bodies near the stern of the Eastland, jammed between the ballroom floor and the steel ceiling.

The first body to be recovered since 3 o'clock this morning was found floating in mid-stream 100 yards from the sunken steamer. The body was that of a fair-haired girl of about 17. It is expected that many others will rise to the surface soon when the weight of the Eastland is completely lifted.

Investigations in the grand jury attracted the greatest interest.

Then came the trial of the grand jury, attracted the greatest interest.

Judge Landis called the jury without the slightest hesitation upon the request of District Attorney Clyne.

After questioning a few witnesses, however, it was decided it would be best to postpone the probe until Thursday, giving process time to locate the 60 men drawn in the panel.

**May Arrest All Officials.**

The various investigators conferred at the county building at 9:30 today and discussed the advisability of arresting all of the state officials.

By doing this it was believed they would be sure of keeping these all together and bring about quick results.

Besides 30 of the crew, Walter Steele and Martha Slawton, officials of the St. Joseph's Catholic line, operating the Eastland, were arrested.

Physicians, seeing the danger of typhoid to survivors as a result of having taken in quantities of the polluted water of the river, today issued a request for all to call at the city health department and submit to vaccination as soon as possible.

**SORROWFUL SCENES  
IN BIG SHOPS WHERE  
VICTIMS HAD WORKED**

Chicago, July 26.—(U. P.)—The horrors of the Eastland disaster were lived over again when heartless survivors dragged themselves to their homes and desks of the Western Electric company's plants in Hawthorne and Cicero at the usual time today.

Officials explained that employees had been told to report as usual in the hope that they could thus tabulate those who had gone aboard the steamer which plunged more than a thousand feet into the water. Officers were com-

pletely wiped out.

**Workers in Grief.**

The year did not pass without its annual season of ugly blot on a otherwise creditable blot in a picture Admiral Fisher deserted his post as first sea lord. Rather than disrupt the navy—as he feared—Churchill agreed to step out. The prime minister picked Balfour as his successor and Balfour, like Churchill, agreed to serve under him. What Asquith had been willing to overlook as temperament, he couldn't forgive when it became insubordination. So Fisher was replaced by Admiral Sir

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**Churchill.**

Workers, red eyed from weeping, explained that now more than ever before must they continue their labors.

With others who helped toward the support of families gone, few could afford to lose even a portion of their wages. Others said that by hard work and saving forced the steamer which they had witnessed when the big steamer plunged its precious freight into the muddy waters of the river.

Occasionally as the day wore on a stream of weepers went through the entire plant. All pretense of work was abandoned. Many collapsed and were removed to their homes. Women and girls became hysterical in their grief. Some mothers clung to the vacant desk or bench beside them, reciting the names of their children, who sat there only three days ago.

**Will Provide Pensions.**

H. S. Albright, general manager, said to the workers, "We have yet to take care for the less afflicted families. At a meeting of the board of directors today, however, arrangements will be made to purchase caskets and pay all funeral expenses for all families, married and single."

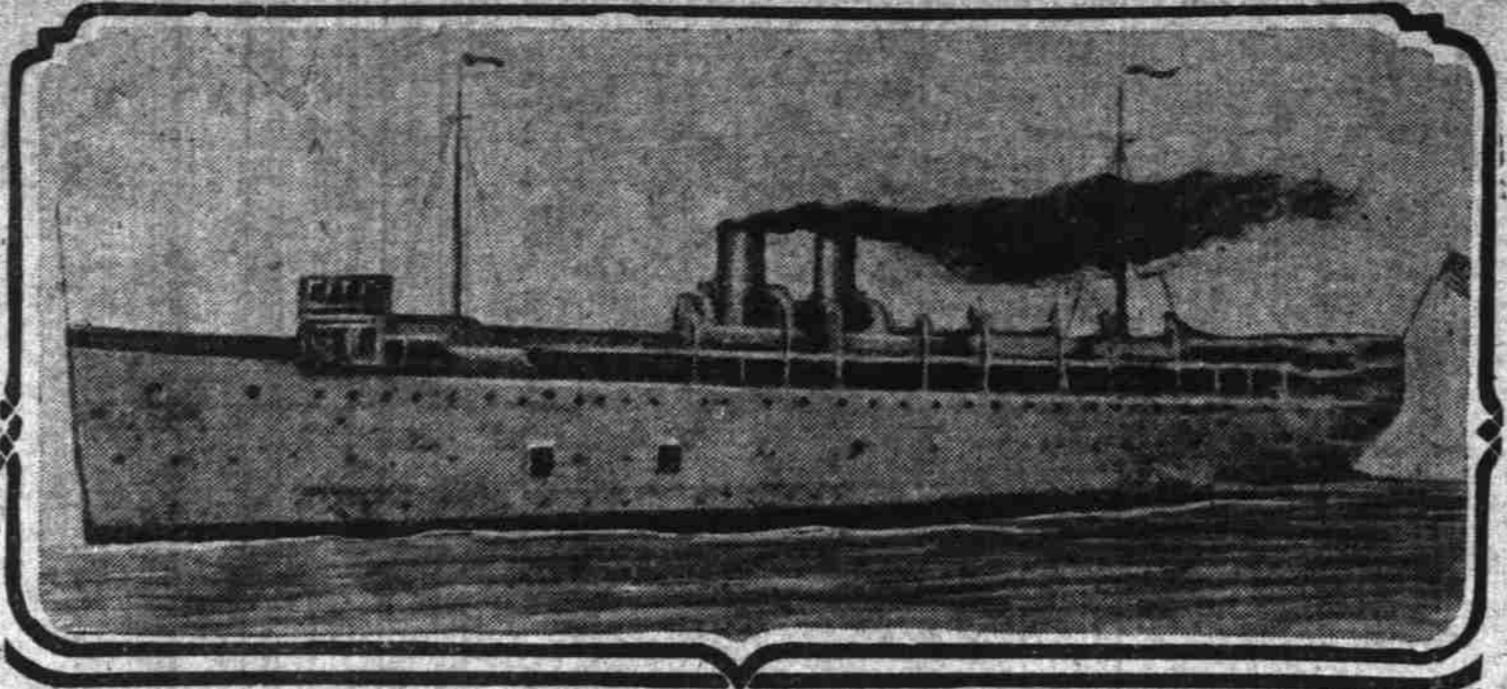
Other incapacitated members of families, whose breadwinners were lost in the disaster, will be pensioned by the company.

While the steamer, a quiet little army appeared at the offices, showing no signs of sorrow. On the contrary faces were alight with home. They were seeking jobs which the Eastland calamity had made.

**Suggests Board of Inquiry.**

Washington, July 26.—(I. N. S.)—Acting Secretary of Commerce Sweet announced today that he would recom-

## EXCURSION STEAMER THAT CAPSIZED IN THE HEART OF CHICAGO



Steamer Eastland, which was loaded with over 2000 men, women and children.

## Review of One Year of Great War in Europe

### AS SEEN IN ENGLAND

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most of his colleagues in the cabinet didn't believe him. He acted in spite of them. His resignation lay on the table, to be taken up if events should agree to an early retirement.

**From Play to Work.**

Early in July the grand fleet had assembled off the south coast of England for its annual play at war.

The maneuvers followed their usual course and under all the rules, the fleet should have been scattered a week before July 21st, the day Austria declared war against Serbia. The next day—three days before Germany declared war against Russia, five days before she declared war against France and nearly a week before England officially entered the war—she had gathered in the Baltic.

Revolution Was Feared.

—In the chamber of deputies there are a score or more parties instead of two or three as is the case in the United States. The Dreyfus affair split the nation into two hostile camps and each camp into others with varying opinions. The Cailloux case to some extent did the same.

When the Germans look back to last August and recall the threats that then were being made against them, and the way in which they had been received in England, France and Russia in advance of the trial by battle, the nation laughs.

The world didn't understand Germany last summer. It is beginning to learn now that the Hohenzollern empire has progressed during the years since the war began, and that the German army is a force to be reckoned with.

Sever individuals and companies

pledged \$1000.

President Harry Thayer of the Western Electric company, arriving here after a hurried trip from New York, contributed \$100,000 toward the relief work for his company.

Several individuals and companies

pledged \$1000 each. Mayor Thompson

contributed \$1000.

Theatrical managers and actors in Chicago expect to add \$50,000 to the relief fund through a monster benefit performance to be given at the Auditorium.

All theaters and moving picture houses in the Loop district will also turn over their receipts of that day to the general fund.

**Wednesday "Funeral" Day.**

The city of Cicero, where one of the Western Electric plants is located, donated \$2000 to assist the needy there.

Included among the Eastland victims were the wives and families of two city trustees of Cicero. Acute distress

prevailed among families of scores of victims unless prompt action is taken.

The sole support of many families was destroyed.

Wednesday will be "funeral" day at Cicero, when the city will be abuzz with activity to help its dead.

Hundreds of clergymen were registering at the La Salle hotel donating their services for funerals of the Eastland victims.

The Milwaukee railroad announced that it would carry free to the cemeteries it reaches the bodies of victims, their relatives and mourners when the funerals were held.

**Division of Kultur.**

The increasing respect paid to German Kultur is not one of the least reasons for the sympathy shown for themselves during the past year.

Nothing came as a greater shock to the Germans last year than the way in which their Kultur was everywhere derided.

The comments passed upon Germany for her strong Kultur, her contributions to science represented by her Kultur caused more resentment than anything else that happened in the early days of the war.

The things one saw and heard in Paris gave one a rather gloomy feeling—that is if he believed all he saw and heard. One got the idea that patriotism was a lost emotion. France should go to war with another nation.

In short the world, too busy to go below the surface of things, considered France too highly educated.

The individual had too much sense.

Germany, with her Kultur, was strong for the building of this road and members of the council interviewed say positively that the road will be pushed to completion.

The part of the road between the city of Florence and the north fork of the Silesian river.

The construction of the bridge across the north fork is to be done by the Czuchow railway, which is to be completed after the first of December.

But what happened? The real France found herself. The nation's heart, so long hidden, was revealed, and to the last man it became a reality.

General Hervé tried to make the French army more efficient and patriotic.

Anti-militarists boasted it considering it against what they are.

Socialists became cabinet members, one now holding a position similar to that of Lloyd George, minister of munitions, in England.

It was the "sacred union," one of France's greatest accomplishments.

Instead of a revolt in the ranks, the troops dried their tears of love, sweethearts and mothers with laughter and went their way to war singing.

**Boy Ships, Broken Leg.**

Saul Steinberg, 426 Twelfth street, yesterday slipped on a banana peel, fell and his right leg was broken. He was taken to the Good Samaritan hospital for treatment last night.

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## CHICAGO CONTRIBUTES GENEROUSLY TO FUND TO HELP SUFFERERS

Red Cross Has \$300,000 to Spend for Relief of Survivors of Disaster.

## COMPANY GIVES \$100,000

Wednesday Will Be "Funeral Day" in Cicero, Suburb of Chicago, Where Majority of Dead Worked.

Chicago, July 26.—(U. P.)—Chicago opened its heart and its purse today to the grief-stricken sufferers of the Eastland disaster.

The local branch of the Red Cross, acting as a general distributing agency, had \$300,000 at its disposal to aid in the relief work. City Health Commissioner John Robertson is in general charge of this work with Ernest Hicknell of the Red Cross acting in an advisory capacity. A dozen special committees made up of nurses, employees from the Red Cross, the Red Cross Hospital and scores of volunteers are working under the direction of Robertson.

**Contributes \$100,000.**</