

U. S. JUDGE SEIZES DEATH SHIP; TAKES OVER INVESTIGATION

Order Means Inquiry to Be
Conducted Exclusively by
Uncle Sam.

ACTION SURPRISE TO ALL

Newspapers and Officials Criticize
Secretary of Commerce for His Ac-
tions in Questioning Witnesses.

Chicago, July 30.—(U. S. S.)—United States Judge K. M. Landis, exercising his official power, today ordered the seizure of the excursion steamship Eastland, which sank in the Chicago river last Saturday, carrying hundreds of passengers to death.

This move was considered the most drastic official action taken since the catastrophe occurred, and it came like a bolt from a clear sky. Judge Landis ordered the investigation wholly in hands of the federal authorities. The investigations in progress by state and police authorities are now subservient to that ordered by Judge Landis.

County and state authorities today were loudly protesting against the methods adopted by Secretary of Commerce Redfield at his investigation of the disaster yesterday, and at which Redfield directed the questioning. When Assistant District Attorney Sullivan attempted to examine the witnesses, Redfield frequently interrupted and answered questions asked of them on the stand.

All Chicago newspapers today editorially attacked Secretary Redfield, claiming he had done everything in his power to protect his subordinates. Denunciation of Secretary Redfield's investigation into the Eastland disaster also was voiced by Mayor Thompson.

"Redfield's investigation," he said, "is a farce. The city of Chicago will conduct a real investigation. I will get at the bottom of this tragedy and fix the blame where it belongs."

"The catastrophe itself is not more appalling than the deliberate attempt of Secretary Redfield to exonerate federal officials."

Burckhalter Visits In Coos County

Announces Arrangements May Be
Made to Get Trains Across Unpassable
Before the Bridge Is Completed.

Marshfield, Or., July 30.—F. L. Burckhalter, superintendent of the Southern Pacific lines in Oregon, has been making an inspection of the road in this county to acquaint himself with conditions. Location of the railroad is one important question, but it has not been decided as to whether it will be sufficient space in Marshfield or North Bend.

Mr. Burckhalter says the bridge across the Umpqua will be the last link of the route, but that arrangements may be made to get trains across so Coos Bay will be connected before the bridge is finished.

Eugene to Marshfield will be one division and Marshfield to Powers another division.

Gunboat Nashville Sent to Cape Haitien

Although No Trouble Reported From
There, Navy Department Believes
Revolutionists Need to Be Watched.

Washington, July 30.—(U. P.)—The gunboat Nashville was ordered to Cape Haitien from Santo Domingo today to supplement the cruiser Eagle, the navy department announced. Quiet prevails at Cape Haitien, but the Nashville will guard against another attack by revolutionists.

Girl Heroine Remembered.
Tacoma, Wash., July 30.—(U. P. S.)—The Tacoma school board today addressed a communication to the Carnegie Hero fund commission, calling its attention to the saving of a drowning man by Miss Hannah Berg, a 17-year-old high school girl, in Lake Spanaway on June 27. Miss Berg will also be presented with an engrossed copy of the board's resolutions of recommendation.

Recall Election Set.
Salem, Or., July 30.—Secretary of State Olcott has fixed August 16 as the date for holding a special election in Wheeler county to vote on the recall of District Attorney Starr. Starr failed to resign within the time specified following the filing of the recall petition with the secretary of state.

Road Contract May Be Let Tomorrow

Several Types of Paving Will Be Put
Down on St. Helena Road to Linton; May Award Contracts Tomorrow.

The contracts for the improvement of the St. Helena road to Linton may be awarded tomorrow. The county commissioners and Roadmaster Yeon have formulated a tentative plan which provides for the laying of several types of pavement. These include wood block, brick, concrete and bitulith on a concrete base and on a crushed stone base.

As practically agreed upon, there will be a 2000 foot section of wood block, a 500 foot section of vitrified brick, a 1000 foot section of concrete, a 1000 foot section of bitulith on a concrete base, and a 15,225 foot section of bitulith on a crushed stone base.

The object aimed at is to give an opportunity for a thorough test of the various qualities of the different kinds of pavements under similar conditions.

The lowest bidders on the wood block type are Jeffery & Burton, \$11,874. On concrete the lowest bidders are Montague & O'Reilly, \$36,643.80. Jeffery & Burton are also the lowest bidders on brick, \$25,810.

On bitulith the lowest price submitted is that of Oscar Huber, \$56,231.38. The Warren Construction company is next, \$55,523.14.

Church Federation Urged by Ministers

Co-operation is Keynote of Resolutions Adopted by Pastors in Session at Eugene.

Eugene, Or., July 30.—In an effort to promote co-operation between churches in Oregon the ministers in session here yesterday proposed in their sets of resolutions an interdenominational church commission to consider the whole field of country life and church work as the basis for greater co-operation between churches.

The church federation for the support of the small churches in the rural communities, where one or more denominations may unite in support of a small church, that should then be made the center of the religious life of the community is proposed. All the participating denominations are asked to appoint a member of a commission, which is to make such surveys as may be necessary through denominational societies as a basis for interdenominational co-operation. The resolutions approve the giving of credit in the public schools for attendance of the bible in Sunday school. Conventions for the benefit of the farmers are also proposed.

The members of the committee on resolutions were Rev. T. B. Ford, Methodist; Rev. Mr. Dunham, Baptist; Rev. A. M. Spangler, Congregationalist; Rev. C. F. Aune, Presbyterian; Rev. F. E. Billington.

Entire Line From Alsace to Sea Active

General Fighting Renewed, But no
Engagements of Importance—Severe
Clashes Reported.

Paris, July 30.—(U. P. S.)—General activity along the entire line from Alsace to the sea, but no engagements of importance have been reported here in the official communique from the French war office.

Near Souchez and in the "labyrinth" severe night fighting occurred between German and French meeting hand in hand in many instances. Hand grenades were used freely.

A German aeroplane bombed Nancy, but inflicted no material damage.

Annie Larsen Labeled.
Aberdeen, Wash., July 30.—The cargo of 4334 cases of arms and ammunition unloaded from the schooner Annie Larsen has been labeled for \$1600 by the Olson & Mahony company of San Francisco, owners of the vessel.

The sum represents the amount of alleged loss sustained by the company while the vessel has been detained here pending the removal of the cargo. The suit will be heard in the United States district court at Tacoma August 11.

Babies Were Hungry.
Seattle, Wash., July 30.—(U. P.)—Prosecutor Lundin will probably dismiss a charge of forgery against John Cowie, 25, a clerk, who passed two worthless checks that he might buy food for his wife and two babies, who were begging scraps from neighbors. Lundin today is trying to find work for Cowie.

Shoe and \$3000 Gone.
San Francisco, July 30.—(U. P.)—Shoes are poor safety deposit vaults. M. Brown, hotel guest, gave his boots to a porter to be shined, and then learned that his wife had concealed jewelry worth \$3000 in them.

COMMUNITY HALL IS DEDICATED WITH BIG CROWD AT CEREMONY

Three Hundred Residents of
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