

1800 DIE IN DISASTER

GREAT CROWD SEES FORMAL OPENING OF LOCAL NATATORIUM

Establishment of Institution Hailed as Manifestation of Pendleton Spirit of Progress.

FINE PROGRAM OF SPORTS

With Appropriate Ceremonial Pendleton's Swimming Pool is Officially Dedicated—Stetler, Dyer, Hartman and Others Were Speakers.

With half the citizenship of Pendleton crowded thickly about the big pool the culmination of the swimming pool plans, first undertaken just one year ago, came last night when the beautiful new natatorium, built at a cost of \$10,000, was formally presented to the city and dedicated to the public. The hundreds of people who turned out for the exercises, and the enthusiasm which governed all was ample testimony of the popularity of the city's latest asset and her latest pride. The interest evinced in the contests and exhibitions which closed the program proved that the pool will provide a great deal of summer pleasure even to those who will not don bathing suits.

Before 7 o'clock the crowd began to arrive and by 8 o'clock every seat on the benches around the pool and in the bleachers erected on the north side were filled and hundreds were standing while many boys climbed on top of the pergola and buildings. It looked like a Round-up crowd.

As they entered the natatorium the citizens were directed through the dressing rooms so that they might inspect them, and not until every one had had an opportunity to look over the entire place did the formal program begin.

On behalf of the Commercial club committee, which has had charge of the natatorium from the first campaign for funds to the completed structure, District Attorney Frederick Stetler made a short presentation address. The natatorium, he said, is another token of the progressive spirit which has placed Pendleton in a class by itself among the smaller cities of the west. Just as Pendleton was the first city outside of Portland to have her tracks, just as she launched the Round-up and made it the biggest municipal celebration of its kind in the world, so has the city taken the lead in providing a scientifically and hygienically correct swimming pool unquestionably the best in the northwest. He paid a tribute to the committee for the energy and thoroughness with which the campaign had been prosecuted and complimented the citizenship for making the pool possible.

Acting Mayor John Dyer, on behalf of the council, made a brief response, accepting the natatorium for the city and expressing a gratification at the fulfillment of one of Pendleton's needs.

George A. Hartman, one of the members of the committee, made a financial statement, showing that contributions ranging from 50 cents to

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ABDUCTOR CAUGHT HAS NARROW LYNCHING ESCAPE

LON DEAN WAS SHEPHERDER WHO HELD ERNEST EMPY FOR RANSOM.

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho, July 24.—After narrowly escaping lynching at the hands of cowboys, Lon Dean, a shepherd, who abducted Ernest Empey, a prominent rancher and held him a week for ransom was placed in jail. Dean confessed to the abduction. Empey said he was well treated while held captive but the food consisted only of provisions foraged by Dean. Empey is none the worse for his experience.

The desperado, it is said, came down from Sheep Mountain at nightfall and was surrounded and taken on what is known as Crane's Flat. Empey two days ago escaped from his abductor and was found by United States forest rangers.

IN SPIRIT NOTE TO GERMANY IS AN ULTIMATUM

Though the Statement Calls for No Reply From Germany Tone is Strong and Emphatic for Rights.

WILSON HAS DEFENSE PLAN

Publication in Detail of American Reply to German Stand Regarding Lusitania Causes Speculation As to Outcome—It is "Up to Germany."

WASHINGTON, July 24.—President Wilson will map out a "fair, reasonable and practical" program of national defense upon his return from Cornish, the White House announced. Coming after the forwarding of a strong note to Berlin, the announcement is regarded as significant. Wilson will devote a great deal of time considering the question of national defense while at Cornish and the program will be decided on after conferences with Garrison and Daniels.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—That in spirit the American note to Germany is an ultimatum was the consensus of opinion following its publication. Of course it is not an ultimatum in form. No time limit is named in which Germany must give an answer to the demand that the rights of Americans on the seas be respected. In fact the note demands no answer at all. The communication contains no threat of anything the United States will do if its wishes are disregarded, but declares a repetition by commanders of German vessels of acts in contravention of American rights would "constitute an unpardonable offense," and be regarded as "deliberately unfriendly."

Opinion differed as to the thing Germany will deem to be in its own best interest. Some believed she will consider the friendship of the United States too valuable to lose. Others thought Germany will feel she has nothing at stake by the adoption of another enemy. All agreed it is "up to Germany." There can be no more talking back and forth. There is a possibility of mediation between Great Britain and Germany as to a modification of warfare at sea, but in the main dispute discussion is ended. Germany need not answer the note so far as its provisions go but if an answer is made the imperial government must comply with the president's demands.

Brownell Sells Big Part of His Lands

Word comes from Umatilla today that D. C. Brownell, prominent landholder of that town, yesterday signed the papers by which he disposes of 600 acres of his holdings under the Brownell Ditch and secures two apartment houses in Portland. The trade, involving a \$100,000 consideration, was made with Griffith & Son, Portland contractors, who will move on to the land acquired at once and develop it. The 600 acres, all under water, includes part of the Brownell home place.

Wheat Up Today In Chicago Pit

PORTLAND BIDS STILL LIFELESS; LIVERPOOL QUOTATIONS ARE STRONG.

CHICAGO, Ill., July 24.—(Special)—At the close today the following quotations prevailed: July \$1.14 1-8; Sept. \$1.08 3-4; Dec. \$1.10 3-4 bid.

Portland, Ore., July 25.—(Special)—Portland bid prices today have been lifeless; club 83; bluestem 92. Liverpool. Market is practically unchanged.

"The Buckaroo" by Proctor



The above illustration, used through the courtesy of the Portland Journal

show A. Philmeter Proctor, noted New York sculptor, who has made his home in Pendleton for the past year, and his statue of "The Buckaroo," out of the fine imposed upon him, rider as caught by the artist at the Round-up. The horse is modelled after "Angel," the wonderful buckler on which L. W. Minor won the world championship in 1912. The sculptor used Bill Hiddings, otherwise known as "Slim," for his buckaroo model.

AMERICA STANDS FIRMLY FOR THE FREEDOM OF SEA

Note to Germany Made Public is Masterful, Direct Presentation of Principles Contended for.

NEUTRAL FRIENDLY BUT FIRM

Rights of Neutral Nations Not to Be Sacrificed Because Other Nations Are at War—Will Discuss English Transgressions With England, Not Germany.

WASHINGTON, July 24.—The full text of the note to Germany, given out today, is as follows: "The Secretary of State, to Ambassador Gerard, Department of State, Washington, July 21, 1915.—You are instructed to deliver textually the following note to the minister of foreign affairs: "The note of the imperial German government dated July 8, 1915, has received the careful consideration of the government of the United States, and it regrets to be obliged to say that it has found it very unsatisfactory, because it fails to meet the real differences between the two governments and indicates no way in which the accepted principles of law and humanity may be applied in the grave matter in controversy, but proposes, on the contrary, arrangements for a partial suspension of those principles which vitally set them aside.

Freedom of Seas Recognized. "The government of the United States notes with satisfaction that the imperial German government recognizes without reservation the validity of the principles insisted on in the several communications which this government has addressed to the imperial German government with regard to its announcement of a war zone and the use of submarines against merchantmen on the high seas—the principle that the high seas are free, that the character and cargo of a merchantman must first be ascertained before she can lawfully be seized or destroyed, and that the lives of non-combatants may in no case be put in jeopardy unless the vessel resists or seeks to escape after being summoned to submit to examination; for a belligerent act of retaliation is per se an act beyond the law and the defense of an act as retaliatory is an admission that it is illegal.

America is Disappointed. "The government of the United States is, however, keenly disappointed to find that the imperial German government regards itself as in large degree exempt from the obligation to observe these principles, even where neutral vessels are concerned, by what it believes the policy and practice of the government of Great Britain to be in the present war with regard to neutral commerce. The imperial German government will readily understand that the government of the United States cannot discuss the policy of the government of Great Britain with regard to neutral trade except with that government itself, and that it must regard the conduct of other belligerent governments as irrelevant to any discussion with the imperial German government of what this government regards as grave and unjustifiable violations of the rights of American citizens by German naval commanders.

Inhuman Acts Not Justifiable. "Illegal and inhuman acts, however, are never justified by any emergency or by any other purpose as the court sees fit.

HUNDREDS KILLED WHEN BOAT LOADED WITH TWO THOUSAND EXCURSIONISTS OVERTURNS

Steamer Eastland Tips Over and Sinks in the Chicago River This Morning—Carried Electric Employes—Scores Caught Under Wreckage and Die—One Thousand May Have Perished—Worst Catastrophe Since Iroquois Fire.

THE CHICAGO DISASTER.

Excursion steamer Eastland overturned in Chicago river.

2500 men, women and children aboard. Excursion by Western Electric Co. 500 known dead at noon. 1800 thought to have perished. Many held beneath steamer. Accident occurred near shore. Mob attacks captain and mate.

1800 MAY BE DEAD

CHICAGO, July 24.—(Bulletin)—W. K. Greenbaum, general manager of the Indiana transportation company has been subpoenaed to appear before the grand jury this afternoon. Two engineers of the Eastland are held as witnesses. Captain Pederson and First Mate Fisher were arrested soon after the disaster and are also held as witnesses. Dr. Thomas Carter of the board of health declared at least eighteen hundred perished. Greenbaum estimated the Eastland had twenty-five hundred aboard.

POLICE RAISE ESTIMATE.

Estimates of the number of dead in the Eastland disaster are raised by the police to fifteen hundred, and possibly eighteen hundred. After a tour of the morgues Deputy Police Chief Schuetler said: "There is no doubt the number of dead will reach fifteen hundred and possibly eighteen hundred." Schuetler expressed the belief that at least seven hundred bodies are still in the hulk of the Eastland or in the river.

CHICAGO, July 24—(1 P. M.)—At least five hundred perished and indications are that more than a thousand men, women and children lost their lives when the steamer Eastland overturned, according to the estimates of the police and coroner at noon. In addition to hundreds thrown into the water, others were trapped in their state rooms or on the lower decks. At noon several plates had been cut in the side of the vessel. Scores of people trapped inside were found dead. A score of men were kept busy carrying out bodies as fast as they could enter and leave the steamer, which rested on its side in the middle of the river in about twenty feet of water. Captain Pederson and first mate Fisher of the Eastland were arrested. Tens of thousands jammed the streets for blocks about the docks. When the officers were recognized the crowd endeavored to attack them. Two men struck Pederson and Fisher in the face. The police had difficulty in lodging them in the station. Never before have such terrible scenes been enacted within the view of hundreds unable to render aid. The city is grief stricken.

WAS EXCURSION STEAMER.

CHICAGO, July 24.—(10 A. M.)—One hundred and fifty men, women and children are known to be drowned and it is estimated three hundred may have perished when the large steamer "Eastland" overturned in Chicago river early today with two thousand excursionists aboard. The Eastland had just left the pier for a trip to Michigan City. It was chartered by employes of the Western Electric company. The steamer suddenly listed and keeled over. It sank in twenty feet of water. The upper side sticks out several feet. It is believed the accident was due to overcrowding the outer rail. Scores are believed crushed in the muddy bottom of the river by the weight of the boat. Men, women and children were thrown into the water. Hundreds struggled for life while police and firemen and harbor boats aided in the rescue. Hours after the Eastland had overturned scores were still imprisoned in staterooms on the lower decks of the steamer. Screams were heard above the noise of automatic drills used in cutting into the side plates of the ship. Officials ordered the bottoms and sides of the Eastland ripped open so that victims trapped inside might be rescued. The dead were taken to the steamer Theodore Roosevelt which was turned into an improvised morgue.

ACCIDENT AT 7:45 A. M.

The Eastland turned over at 7:45, a few minutes after leaving the dock. Thousands on their way to work heard the cries of terror from the passengers. There was a wild rush toward the dock. Struggling and fighting for life in the muddy waters could be seen hundreds of men, women and children. The water was filled with human beings. One by one they were

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BERLIN EXPECTS WARSAW'S FALL

BERLIN, July 24.—From Rosan L. Pultask the artillery of Von Hindenburg is bombarding the Russian defenses on the left bank of the Narw.

ILLINOIS DAY IS ONE OF SORROW IN 'FRISCO

SAN FRANCISCO, July 24.—This is Illinois day at the fair but on account of the Eastland disaster many features were cancelled. It was a day of tragic sorrow. Mayor Thompson of Chicago, cancelled all engagements and prepared to return to Chicago this afternoon. Governor Dunne is overwhelmed.

\$5000 Loss From Fire Last Night; Blaze Caused by Fact Electric Iron Not Detached

Starting from an electric iron in the Fell cleaning parlors on East A street, fire that was discovered at 12:45 this morning did damage estimated between four and five thousand dollars before it was finally subdued. The equipment and clothing in the Fell establishment were almost entirely destroyed, the Thacker and Johnson grocery, the residence of Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Wheeler in the back end of their photo gallery, and the Bowley second hand store all suffered considerable damage from fire and water.

The origin of the fire is beyond dispute, an examination this morning proving beyond doubt that an electric iron used in the pressing parlors had not been detached at closing hours. The place was closed at 6 o'clock and evidently the heated iron and wires soon began charring the walls. For over six hours the fire slowly ate through the walls before it was discovered at 12:45 this morning by firemen Bert Lovell who was sitting out in front of the fire station on a half block distant.

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FAIR BOARD DECIDES AGAINST STANFIELD FAIR

At a meeting of the new fair board this afternoon in the office of Major Lee Moorhouse, the action of the old board in deciding upon a county fair at Stanfield this fall, was rescinded, and to the county court, which thus, under the law, becomes custodian of the fair fund, the board will recommend that \$500 of this fund be appropriated for premiums at the Vincent fair, \$500 to the Hermiston dairy and hog show, \$500 for premiums for the school industrial exhibits and the balance to such other purposes as the court sees fit.

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