

# PEDERSON'S TALE OF BIG DISASTER

Captain of Eastland Interviewed Right After Horror.

"PANIC DID IT," HE DECLARES

Says Order to "Let the People Off" Scared Them—Admits Steamer Had "Listed Pretty Bad Before"—"Hard to Judge When a Boat is Going to Capsize."

Chicago.—As the different investigations into the Eastland disaster were continued in Chicago the story of Captain Henry Pederson stood out. Immediately following the disaster Captain Pederson agreed to be interviewed. He was quoted verbatim as follows:

"How much did you list before you gave the order to 'stand by?'" was asked.

"Not much. First she listed to starboard, and she came back, and then she didn't list so very much; then she straightened up all right, and I was going to send out the word to let go the line. She listed over, and I hesitated. I had already given the second mate orders to stand by and let go the stern lines.

"I gave the warning to stand by because she was listing, and she kept on listing. The harbor master was on the deck. He shouted, 'Are you ready, captain?' He wanted to throw the lines out. I didn't start. I thought she was going to straighten up, but she shifted, and I shouted, 'Open the inside doors and let the people off.' This was to the crew.

"The passengers were panic stricken when I uttered those words, and it was



Photo by American Press Association. CAPTAIN PEDERSON.

all off. Before that time I didn't think there was any danger at all."

Q. Were the tow lines on the tug at the time? A. Yes.

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Q. Were the lines taut? A. No.

Q. You had given the signal to go? A. No, sir.

Q. Was the tug holding the lines taut after the Eastland listed? A. No.

Q. It was then that you said, "Open the doors and let the people out?" Is that right? A. Yes.

"About 7:25 o'clock in the morning," the captain continued, "I went down from the bridge and rang up the marine telephone. The Eastland is a twin screw and double engine. I ordered the crew to stand by because we were loaded and ready to go and the crew answered back promptly, 'Stand by.' I gave the order to stand by and to be ready with the engines."

Q. Why did you give that order to be ready at the engines? A. To leave the dock. It was pretty near time to go. We had a tug from down here to tow us out. The harbor master was on the dock and asked me if I was ready. She listed more than I wanted her to—more than I liked—and I hated to shout those words which I did because I knew I would create a panic even if I was wrong.

Q. What was the situation at the time, captain? A. What do you mean?

Q. What I mean is, was the situation dangerous? A. Well, sir, there was no panic of any kind.

Q. At that time the ship listed more? A. Well, she kept listing then.

Q. Why did you think the situation

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more dangerous at that time than at any other time? A. Well, it is hard to judge as to when a boat is going to capsize.

Q. Had she ever listed before? A. Yes, pretty bad before.

Q. But you were not afraid of her? A. No, sir.

Q. Were you surprised at her listing? A. Yes and no.

Q. What caused her to keep on listing? A. I don't know.

Q. Have you any theory as to why she kept on listing? A. Probably too heavy a weight "listing" side.

### REAL YOUNG CHINA.

Girls Learning Dancing and Athletic Games.

Shanghai, China.—A gymnastic exhibition given the other afternoon was an eye opener regarding what is being done for the development of China through the younger generation.

Only a very few privileged males were allowed in the grounds, but there were perhaps a hundred or so foreign ladies and a matter of 400 or 500 Chinese mothers of families, and the latter certainly were a study.

Pupils from the Shanghai Girls' school, the Chi Sue, Sung Char, Eliza Yates, South Gate Presbyterian and Bridgman Memorial schools and the Y. W. C. A. went through the regular western gymnasium drills, exercises, games and a variety of dances, such as certainly no Chinese woman would have dreamed of a few years ago. All the while Miss Chun, a bundle of concentrated energy, was skipping about the lawn, rapping out commands like a drill sergeant.

Why, she just stepped back, took a preliminary hop and landed on the top of a table as easily as you like. The old fashioned mothers, just as the fathers at the Olympic games, at first gazed expressionless, then smiled cynically, next very nearly approvingly, and it was not very long before they were applauding vociferously and evidently quite converted.

The dancing was a treat. Evidently it appeals to the Chinese. The girls went at it as though they thoroughly enjoyed it, and, though most of the movements were quite simple, yet the few that were intricate were very well done.

As Dr. Wu Ting Fang said: "This is the real young China. We have shown what our boys can do. Now we have the girls in hand, and this is a good beginning."

### GIRLS KILL RATTLES.

Spend Vacation Hunting on Lake Chelan and Fishing Like Men. Wenatchee, Wash.—Four girls who

left Wenatchee for a hunting and camping trip on Lake Chelan have returned. In the party were Miss Louise Wedell and Miss Clare Turner of Wenatchee and Miss Lucile Relans and Miss Edna Leon of Spokane. They slept outdoors one night in a pine bough house they made themselves.

While on the trip they caught several big trout, killed several rattlesnakes and also shot a lynx.

Miss Wedell and Miss Turner are both good marksmen and have had similar experience in the Michigan north woods and in the Maine woods.

### INDIAN TRIBES OF NEW YORK FALL OFF

More Than 609 Fewer Than Ten Years Ago.

Albany, N. Y.—There are 609 fewer Indians on the reservations of New York state than ten years ago. But three tribes, the Onondagas, Tonawandas and Tuscaroras, show any gain in numbers, according to the official census figures made public by Secretary of State Francis M. Hugo. The total number of Indians now living on the eight reservations is 4,451 as compared with 5,060 in 1905. According to the federal enumeration of 1910, the population of the Indian reservations was 5,729, but the figures included whites and other persons as well as the redskins.

Out of the 4,451 now on the reservations 762 confess to being pagans, and 748 speak little or no English.

In the eight reservations there are 87,671 acres, of which the Indians are this summer cultivating 39,556, or an average of 6.08 acres for each man, woman and child. The census figures reveal that the St. Regis, Onondagas and the Tuscaroras are the largest tillers of the soil; the Allegany and the Cattaraugus Indians the least.

At the Onondaga reservation 4,269 acres out of 7,300 are under cultivation; St. Regis, 19,638 out of 14,030; Cattaraugus, 4,447 out of 21,680; Allegany, 3,858 out of 30,469; Shinnecock, 71 out of 400 acres; Tonawandas, 2,527 out of 7,548; Tuscaroras, 4,749 out of 6,249.

Pagans are shown as follows: Onondaga, 113; Cattaraugus, 399; Allegany, 287; Shinnecock, 5; St. Regis, 0; Tonawanda, 57; Tuscarora, 0.

The 748 found speaking little or no English are divided in the following manner: Onondagas, 34; St. Regis, 232; Cattaraugus, 86; Allegany, 101; Shinnecock, 0; Tonawandas, 239; Tuscaroras, 56.

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