

MANY DROWNED IN EXCURSION BOAT SINKING

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Excursion steamer, 150 feet long. It was owned by the H. F. Mehl Excursion company of Peoria and was under charter to the South Side Social Club of Pekin.

The vessel was returning to Pekin from Al Fresco, a summer resort. A dance got lay over the river.

Passengers Were Dancing.
With the excursionists dancing on the upper deck to the strains of a band, the Columbia ran on a sand bank. She was promptly backed off, but immediately began to list. Later reports indicated she had struck a submerged log and torn a hole amidships.

Panic-stricken, the excursionists rushed to the port side of the boat in spite of the efforts of the crew to keep the deck level.

Less than five minutes after she had struck the bar the Columbia overturned in mid-channel and sank.

Dozens of men and women had leaped into the water and others were thrown over the water when the boat turned over. Many were between decks and it was believed that they went down with the boat. Shrieks of dozens of survivors who were paddling about the wreck were heard in the village of Wesley, opposite which the accident occurred. Several small boats put off from the shore to pick them up.

Four Babies Perish.

Calls for help were sent by telephone to Peoria and Pekin and launches started for the wreck from those points. A special train carrying nurses and physicians was dispatched from Peoria.

Survivors declared that four babies, left on the upper deck during the dancing, perished.

Mrs. Elizabeth Frew, a stewardess,

was asleep when the boat struck. She hurried to the deck and tried to calm the terrified women passengers.

"Everybody was fighting to get to the rail," said Mrs. Frew. "They were struggling and clutching each other. Many jumped overboard. I saw some of them go down. Others swam around, crying, until boats picked them up. Soon I found myself in a boat. God knows how I got there."

Coroner Clary, of Pekin, said today that it was impossible to make an accurate estimate of the death total. He believed it would reach 100. He had been told by members of the crew that scores of persons were below decks when the boat struck.

If that is true, he said, probably few of them escaped.

Survivors were still huddled on the river bank at daylight. They were being taken to Pekin as fast as motor cars could make the run. Wild estimates of the number of dead were made by those who escaped. Many asserted that less than 300 survivors had been accounted for out of the 550 said to have been aboard.

Divers Are Summoned.

Telephone messages were sent to Chicago for professional divers. The boat lay in mid-stream, with her superstructure above water. Expert swimmers were trying to locate bodies on the upper deck. Most of the victims, however, were believed to lie on the lower decks, and it was regarded as unlikely that many other bodies could be recovered without diving apparatus.

Coroner Clary swore in a jury at Pekin early today, and stated he would begin his official investigation during the morning. His first witnesses were expected to be Captain Herman Mehl, one of the Columbia's owners, and Thomas Williams, her pilot.

Sobbing crowds thronged the three undertaking establishments in Pekin, where the bodies were removed for identification. Men and women, half crazed by grief, rushed from one little morgue to another, searching for loved ones.

Spectators Are Frantic.

Half the population of Pekin hurried to Wesley at Daybreak and gathered in hysterical crowds on the river bank. Several women collapsed. Soldiers from mil-

itary camps near Pekin were sent to Wesley and Pekin to preserve order.

Heart rending scenes were enacted as each body was brought ashore. Frantic people struggled to view the corpses.

Efforts were being made to check the surviving persons to whom tickets for the excursion had been sold. Coroner Clary, held to his belief that not more than 100 had perished, but other officials were certain that the death list will far exceed that figure.

That the boat sank within five minutes after water was discovered in the hull of the Columbia was the statement made by Allen L. Davison, second engineer on the steamer.

Steamer Traveling Slow.
"We were traveling under a slow bell through the dense fog," he said. "I felt a slight shock, but paid little attention to it. It was hardly noticeable. Then I received a signal from the pilot to stop and back the boat."

"Within a few seconds I received another signal from the pilot to go ahead slowly. Henry Tripler, a watchman, then came down into the engine room and asked that light be thrown into the hull of the boat."

"When I looked in there I saw the hull half full of water. We were then backing away from the Wesley City shore and headed in the direction of the other shore. Within two minutes the boat listed to the starboard side and I climbed up over the railing on the other side and jumped into the water."

Chicago Sends Aid.

Chicago, July 6.—Harry Halderson, professional diver, who brought up scores of bodies from the steamer Eastland, that took hundreds to their deaths when she overturned in the Chicago river several years ago, started for the scene of the Columbia wreck today with his diving apparatus. He was accompanied by Alexander Dahlstrom, another diver. Captain John Anderson, of the United States coast guard service, and nine men also are en route to Peoria to aid in recovering bodies of the victims.

Judge Jesse Black, chairman of the Red Cross for Tazewell county, telegraphed Chicago Red Cross officials today, asking that blankets and other supplies be sent to Pekin.

C. C. Stillman, director of civilian relief for the Red Cross in Chicago, started at once for Pekin with five Red Cross workers. They took the needed supplies.

In his telegram Judge Black estimated the number of dead at 50 to 75.

CAPTAIN DESCRIBES SINKING.

Peoria, Ill., July 6.—"I am a pauper," seated in a launch, Captain Herman Mehl looked sadly at his sunken steamer Columbia today. Only the pole of the gang plank was visible above the water. "But, I don't care about that," he said. "It's the people down in there. Pretty tough, eh?"

"We must have struck a solid oak log or something else hard. The hull is lined with steel," went on Mehl.

"I first knew that we had run near the shore when a branch of a tree knocked out a window. Then I felt her scrape the bottom, although there was no sudden jar that naturally would come from hitting a big snag."

"I holloed to Tom, the pilot, to get her off. He swung her away and she was headed downstream when I went to the lower deck and looked over the side to see if her hull had opened up. Just then she listed a little and I knew she was bad off."

Warns Passengers.
"I shouted to the passengers to get on the upper deck and told Tom to run her ashore. Her bow was downstream."

"The water began to come up over the lower deck and I knew we were gone. I was in water up to my chest, but I got through to the top. I told everybody to get up just as quickly as possible, because I could see that we were sinking fast. It was not long before she went down, almost straight down."

"We did everything we could to get

the lifeboats away and to distribute lifebelts to every person. We made 20 or 25 trips and we got most of them off. There may be 30 or 40 persons down there. I don't think there are as many as a hundred. I am sure there are not 200."

"I am a pauper. But I don't care about that. If this only could have been involved! Pretty tough, eh?"

EX-NEW YORK MAYOR KILLED WHILE FLYING

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New York law school two years later. On April 3, 1900, he was married to Miss Olive Child, daughter of Franklin D. Child, of Boston.

Mitchell's first public office was as special counsel to the city of New York, to which he was appointed in December, 1906. He was president of the board of aldermen from 1909 to 1913, and was acting mayor during August and September, 1910. He was appointed collector of the port of New York in June, 1913, and held that office until December, the same year.

Mitchell was elected mayor for one term, holding office from January 1, 1914, to December 31, 1917.

The former mayor, who had the rank of major, was transferred two weeks ago from San Diego to Gerstner Field, Lake Charles, La.

Mayor Hylan issued the following statement:

"The news of the death of John Purroy Mitchell is a great personal shock to me. My sincere sympathy goes out to Mrs. Mitchell in this, her great bereavement."

"Proper steps will be taken by the officials of the city and public generally to pay every respect to the late mayor." Mayor Hylan sent the following message to the five borough presidents:

"I am profoundly sorry to hear of the death of Major Mitchell. He came of fighting stock and did not fear to die. I differed with him as to the manner of administering public affairs, but I certainly admired his fighting proclivities."

"As a mark of respect to him, I direct all flags, for which he gave his life, to be half-masted on every public building in the city."

The city hall flag was placed at half-mast when Mitchell's death was confirmed.

Workmen Move "Cross Section of Hell" Into Frisco

San Francisco, Cal., July 6.—Workmen today finished moving a "cross section of hell" into San Francisco.

It is a part of the war trophies exposition which opens here tomorrow, and consists of a miniature No Man's Land with camouflaged German guns on the far side. Across it each day during the exhibit, American soldiers and marines will charge behind the big British tank, Britannia, giving an idea of how democracy's war is being fought.

Scores of captured guns, fragments of torpedoes and all of the engines of war now used in Europe will be shown.

Musicians and Movie Actors in "Effective" Industries

Washington, July 6.—Under a ruling on the "work or fight" regulation made today by Colonel Warren, head of the appeals section of the provost marshal general's office, all movie actors, all musicians connected with the production or presentation of performances and all necessary skilled stage workers will be considered in "effective" industries.

SPRINGFIELD NEWS

To Give Series of Sermons.
The pastor of the Baptist church, Walter M. Bailey, will commence a series of sermons on the "Duty of Christ," to be given each Sunday evening for four weeks. First in series Sunday evening, "Just One Jesus."

Arrives from Virginia.
Claud Signor, a second lieutenant who has been at the officers' training camp at Fort Monroe, Va., is spending a few days with his parents, en route to Fort Stevens, where he will remain until transferred.

Here from Enterprise.
Mrs. Harold Hackett and little son, Stanleigh, of Enterprise, Ore., are spending a month with her mother, Mrs. George W. Orr, and sister, Vanola Harbit.

Here from California.
Clyde Vallier, who has been working at Richmond, Cal., returned Thursday from there to spend a couple of weeks at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Vallier, of this city.

Mrs. J. P. Fry left Friday for White, Wash., where she will join her husband. From there they will proceed to Camp Lewis by auto.

L. C. Hullin, former cashier of the Lane county bank of Eugene, has been elected cashier of the First National bank here.

Carl E. Fischer, of Sheridan, spent a few days with his family.

Ray Vincent, of Elmira, came up to spend the Fourth.

Secretary McAdoo Returns to Duties After Vacation

Merced, Cal., July 6.—Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, with Mrs. McAdoo and Assistant Director of Railways Oscar Price, were en route from Merced to Lake Tahoe today, having concluded a two weeks' outing in the Yosemite. They will remain at Tahoe for several days before returning east.

Secretary McAdoo is gradually recovering from the throat trouble which forced his vacation, his health having improved considerably during his two weeks at the Yosemite.

A Star of Tomorrow



FLORENCE VIDOR.

Florence Vidor, conceded to be one of the most beautiful actresses in the motion picture art, is rapidly gaining public favor throughout the country. It is predicted that in Sense Hayakawa's next Paramount picture, "The Bravest Way," in which she appears opposite the talented Japanese actor,

Miss Vidor will score the greatest success of her screen career. In the role of a Japanese-American girl she is given a part unlike anything she has heretofore attempted, and the success with which she has handled it is the talk of the studio in which she works. "The Bravest Way" will be released in the near future.

AMERICANS REPULSE RAIDS BY GERMANS

Berlin War Office Admits Capture of Hamel, Taken by the Australians.

Paris, July 6.—American troops on the Toul front and in the Vosges region repulsed German raids, the French war office announced today.

"In the American sector at Nivray (on the Toul front) and in the Vosges, German raids were repulsed," the communique said.

"French detachments penetrated the German lines and took prisoners in La-Chaume wood."

London, July 6.—The German war office has admitted the capture of Hamel, which was taken by Australians, aided by Americans, July 4. Berlin, however, claimed repulse of the Australian attack north of the Somme.

Field Marshal Haig's night statement said the number of prisoners taken in the Somme operations had increased to 1,500.

The Italians continued successful lo-

cal operations, both on the lower Piave and in the mountain region.

Washington, July 6.—The 9th and 23rd infantry, the 12th, 15th and 17th field artillery were the units responsible for the American success at Vaux, Chief of Staff March stated today in his weekly war summary.

Newsboys' Strike May Cost Minneapolis Mayor Job

Minneapolis, Minn., July 6.—Unless Mayor Thomas Van Lear, socialist, takes immediate action in the strike of Minneapolis newsboys, he will be removed by Governor J. A. A. Burnquist and the Minnesota public safety commission, according to a telegram the mayor received from the state executive early today.

BREWERS TO MEET

San Francisco, July 6.—Members of the Brewers' Protective association today arranged a meeting for next Thursday to consider the order just issued by State Fuel Administrator Schwabacher, cutting the fuel allotment of breweries 50 per cent. The reduced allowance is effective for one year, beginning July 1.

WEATHER REPORT

Oregon—Tonight and Sunday fair; moderate westerly winds.

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Loans	\$356,533.26
Bonds and Warrants	32,339.78
Furniture and Fixtures	5,250.00
Real Estate Owned	2,700.00
CASH RESERVE	103,480.76
Total Resources	\$500,303.80

LIABILITIES:

Capital Stock	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided Profits	3,202.86
DEPOSITS	437,100.94
Total Liabilities	\$500,303.80

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