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## MAGNITUDE OF CATASTROPHE APPALLS CITY

Grief-Stricken Thousands Are Searching Through Morgue for Bodies of Friends and Relatives Among Victims.

### WORK OF RELIEF UNDER WAY

Coroner Issues Appeal to Public for Funds to Bury Unidentified Dead.

### PRAYERS OFFERED IN CHURCHES

CHICAGO, July 25.—The Eastland lies on its side in the river with divers still floundering through the interior of the steel coffin and burrowing under it, while Chicago, appalled, is just beginning to realize the significance of one of the greatest of marine disasters, costing 1,000 lives. While grief-stricken thousands are searching through the morgue in the second regiment armory for friends or relatives, state and federal officials have turned their attention to placing the blame for the catastrophe and the work of paying relief of those left destitute.

Acting Mayor Moorhouse and his advisors at a meeting today began raising a relief fund of \$200,000 to be distributed by a subcommittee acting under the direction of the National Red Cross, the Associated Charities and the municipal health department.

### Contributions of Company

In addition to this, the Western Electric company, whose help formed the majority of the ill-fated excursion party, has announced that \$100,000 from its employees' insurance funds is available for relief.

Numerous private relief funds have also been started.

Meanwhile, Mayor Thompson, who was at the Panama-Pacific exposition to take part in the ceremonies in celebration of Illinois day, is speeding toward Chicago on a special train to take his place in the direction of the relief work.

### Coroner Hoffman today issued an appeal to the public for a fund for the burial of unidentified dead.

In churches and homes throughout the city today were offered prayers for the suffering and victims. The day was one of gloom. The sky was cloudy and a mist hung in the air. There was more than the usual Sabbath quiet everywhere and the crowds of outdoor pleasure seekers were thin. As was the case yesterday, base ball games were postponed, two double-headers being set back because of the Eastland horror.

### Various Theories Discussed

Various theories as to what caused the Eastland to turn over still are being discussed, but without a prospect of a definite explanation until the coroner's inquest and the federal government's investigation, to be begun tomorrow, are finished.

### The most discussed theories are as follows:

That the boat was overcrowded; that it was not properly ballasted; that the tug that made fast to warp the Eastland fast to the docks started pulling too fast; that congestion of passengers rushing to the port side, attracted by some passing sensation, tipped the steamer over.

### Drown Within Grasp of Bank

Every effort was made by thousands of persons on the river wharf to rescue the drowning men, women and children. But many drowned almost within grasp of the river bank. Mothers went to their death while their children were snatched to safety. Other children died in the arms of their parents who were finally saved. Hundreds of girls, freed for a day from their tasks of making telephones and other electrical apparatus in the factory of the Western Electric company, dressed in their smartest white frocks, drowned miserably.

### Kolin Avenue, a small street near the factory of the Western Electric company, was in universal mourning tonight.

Every home lost from one to all its occupants in the disaster. And many of the ill-fated residents of this street tonight, lay in the morgue, or beneath the steel hull of the Eastland, over which searchlights shot their blinding glare while hundreds of men searched for more bodies.

### Arrests Are Made

Efforts to discover the cause of the accident, were begun long before the work of rescue was over. Federal and county grand juries were ordered, a coroner's jury was impounded and all the (Continued on Page Two, Column Two)

## "EASTLAND" EXCURSION BOAT HORROR AT CHICAGO: Photograph of the overturned steamer showing the rescue work in progress through the side and the crowds of anxious spectators drawn to the spot.

View of loads on lower decks removed from capsized vessel following disaster. Immense numbers of people gather to see dead taken from river.



## CHICAGO RELIEF WORK ORGANIZED

Fund of \$200,000 is Raised on Short Notice to Help to Care for the Sufferers.

### LEADING MEN ON COMMITTEE

CHICAGO, July 25.—At a meeting of the mayor's citizens' advisory committee, called by Acting Mayor Moorhouse today, it was planned to immediately raise a fund of \$200,000 by public subscription for the relief of the families of the Eastland victims. In addition to this sum officials of the Western Electric company, who attended the conference held in the mayor's office, announced that the Employees Benefit association had \$100,000 available for relief work.

The Western Electric company officials stated that not more than one-third of the victims were employees of the company, the others being members of the employees' families and friends.

A committee composed of Julius Rosenwald, chairman; J. B. Forgan, A. A. Sprague, John Scott, R. J. Dunham, James A. Pugh, B. E. Sunny, W. A. Gardner, Cyrus H. McCormick, E. J. Bufington, George M. Reynolds and James Simpson, was appointed to obtain subscriptions to the relief fund.

### Big Fund Guaranteed

Acting Mayor Moorhouse said the \$200,000 relief fund was guaranteed by the sub-committee and would be available for use within twenty-four hours. The relief work will be in charge of the National Red Cross, the Associated Charities of Chicago and the city health department.

### At noon today, Acting Mayor Moorhouse telegraphed a detailed report of the relief work begun to Mayor W. H. Thompson.

Mayor Thompson affirmed everything that had been done and replied that he would leave San Francisco late today on a special train and expected to arrive in Chicago next Wednesday morning.

### Relief Committee

The following committee was named to assume direction of the relief work: Health Commissioner Dr. John Dill Robertson, chairman.

Daniel J. Schuyler, secretary.

Charles H. Wacker.

J. J. O'Connor of the National Red Cross society.

William P. Sweeney, vice president of Western Electric company.

Rev. John P. Brushingham.

Managers of Chicago theaters instead of closing their places of amusement today announced they would keep them open and give a percentage of the receipts to the relief fund.

### All to Aid in Relief

The entire force of the city government will be at the disposal of the National Red Cross society, Acting Mayor Moorhouse announced today. He said that nurses of the health department were giving attention to mourning families.

The department of public welfare, in charge of Mrs. Louise Osborne Rowe, opened a bureau of information and used its employees in the relief work.

Ernest P. Hinknell, national director of the National Red Cross, arrived in Chicago tonight to take part in the relief work.

"Chicago is nobly responding to the call for relief and we will not need assistance from outside the city," said Acting Mayor Moorhouse. "We have an efficient organization, all the money needed and every care of the sufferers will be promptly relieved."

Acting Mayor Moorhouse received hundreds of telegrams from officials of cities all over the United States and also in Canada, expressing sorrow at Chicago's grief and offering aid.

## BRINGING OUT THE DEAD BODIES of unfortunate victims of the sunken steamer just after it went down.



## FIFTH RUSS ARMY NO LONGER EXISTS

Czar's Forces Operating in Courland Defeated and Dispersed by von Buelow.

### IMMENSE BOOTY IS CAPTURED

BERLIN, July 25.—The following official German statement was issued: "Eastern theater of war: General von Buelow has defeated the fifth Russian army near Shavil. After ten days of continuous fighting and marching German troops yesterday succeeded in arresting the retreat of the Russians in the district of Rosahn-Saadon and defeated and dispersed them. The booty since the beginning of these operations on July 14 has increased to twenty-five cannon, forty machine guns, more than 100 cars loaded with ammunition, a great quantity of baggage and other war material.

### "On the Narw river the army of General von Gallwitz stormed irresistibly the fortresses of Rosan and Pultak and forced a crossing of the Narw between these places. Strong forces are on the south bank of the river. Further north and to the south, our troops are advancing toward the river."

### Two Russian Ships Sunk

LONDON, July 25.—The Russian ship Rubonia has been torpedoed and sunk by a submarine. Its crew of thirty was landed on the Orkney islands. The trawler Star of Peace was also torpedoed and sunk off the Orkney. Its crew was landed at Stromness.

## Special Train to Come to Omaha on Stecher Day at Den

When Stecher comes to town there will be a crowd at Ak-Sar-Den. He is due to be at the Den August 13. That date will be known as Stecher night at the Den.

### George Wolf of Fremont is one of the busy-bodies arranging for a special train to bring the Dodge county crowds to Omaha on that night for the initiation and entertainment at the Den. He has announced that the train will be run from the town of Dodge so that everyone in Dodge county will have an opportunity to come.

### Joe Stecher is to stage a wrestling bout with his brother, Anton, on that night at the Den. He is to illustrate his famous scissors hold on that occasion.

### German Submarine Sink Five Cessels

LONDON, July 25.—German submarines today resumed their activity in English waters, sinking a French steamer and four British trawlers. One of the under-sea boats is reported to have been destroyed by bombs and gun fire.

### MYSTERIOUS FIRE FOLLOWS BLAST ON ENGLISH SHIP

NEW YORK, July 25.—An explosion of unknown origin occurred in the forward hold of the British freight steamer Cragside at its dock in the Hudson river here today and was followed by a fire, which, however, was speedily checked. The Cragside, which was to leave here tonight for an English port with a cargo of 100,000 bags of sugar, will be delayed for a few days.

### The fire and water damage to the steamer was estimated at \$10,000.

## BERNSTORFF AIDES FIND A LOOPHOLE

Regard Fact U. S. Will Not Insist on Abandonment of U Attacks as Concession.

### ENVOY LEAVES THE CAPITAL

WASHINGTON, July 25.—Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador, left Washington today to remain from the capital until instructions from his government or new developments make it necessary for him to confer again with officials here.

### It was learned in German circles here tonight that the German interpretation of the statement in the last American note that the lives of non-combatants may not be put in jeopardy unless a vessel resists or seeks escape, was taken to satisfy the German military authorities of the fact that the United States has not insisted on a complete abandonment of submarine warfare as such. It is the belief that this point would be considered as a concession and would add weight to that element of official and public opinion in Germany which is urging a more conciliatory attitude toward the United States.

### Standard Stands Pat, Men Do the Same

NEW YORK, July 25.—The Bayonne strikers were notified late tonight by officials of the Standard Oil company of New Jersey that the company would not accede to the demands of the strikers.

### The strikers immediately called a meeting and decided not to return to work on Monday.

## SCENES OF TRAGEDY AT CHICAGO MORGUE

Sorrow, Spread Over City, Hangs Lowest in Armory Where Dead Are Filed.

### HEARSES CONGEST THE STREET

CHICAGO, July 25.—Sorrow, which spread over the city with the Eastland disaster and engulfed thousands of homes, hung lowest today over the silent forms of the victims in the drill room of the Second regiment armory, Chicago's temporary morgue.

Side by side they lay, from one end of the hall to the other, with narrow pathways between, along which slowly walked anxious hundreds seeking to identify a missing loved one. Time and again a group would pause beside a pitiful burden. There would be a gasp, a low-voiced exclamation, a merciful flow of tears and another would be taken from the list of unidentified dead and placed in the known column.

### Load on Load Received

All through the night load after load of bodies were received at the morgue, and through the morning, at frequent intervals, the procession continued.

While the victims were being identified, fifty undertakers and forty embalmers who had volunteered at the call of Coroner Hoffman worked rapidly in a space at the north end of the hall, preparing the bodies for burial.

### As the morning wore along the Curtis street front of the armory became crowded with hearses, and the incoming stream of bodies from the improvised morgues and the overturned vessel was passed by another line of bodies, identified and in the keeping of an undertaker.

### Preparations Perfect

Before a body passed out the identification was recorded by a deputy coroner and the name of the nearest relative placed on file. So perfect had been the preparations for the work of the coroner that from noon until 1 o'clock more than 100 bodies were taken away, and a few hours later less than 200 bodies remained in the temporary morgue.

Approximately 5,000 persons, most of them friends or relatives of victims, had gathered about the armory before noon today. Two and three abreast the lines extended along two sides of the armory square and a block east in Randolph street.

Two and three hundred at a time they were admitted and when all of one group had passed out another took its place.

### Price of Grain and Fodder Regulated Throughout Germany

BERLIN, July 25.—(By Wireless to Sayville).—The federal council has issued its long-expected order regulating prices for necessities of life, and especially grain and fodder. The order provides that severe punishment shall be dealt dealers who unduly increase prices or withhold articles of food for the purpose of artificially raising prices.

The German empire is divided into four districts, each of thirty-two departments, where prices vary, according to the special conditions.

Corn prices remain about the same figure as heretofore. The price of rice is fixed at 230 marks (\$5) per ton for the Berlin district, at 215 marks (\$5.75) for the eastern district and 200 marks (\$5.50) for the western district.

The price of wheat is fixed at 40 marks (\$10) above that of rye, and beginning with a certain date the regulations provide for a bi-weekly increase of 1/2 marks (7 cents) per ton.

## LIST OF THE DEAD IN SHIP DISASTER REMAINS AT 1,000

Eastland Late Sunday Night Had Given Up 820 of Bodies of Victims with Many Still in River.

### SIXTY ARE RECOVERED IN DAY

Divers Believe All Removed from Vessel Except Those Crushed in Mud Under Port Side.

### RESCUERS CONTINUE THE WORK

CHICAGO, July 25.—The death ship Eastland, had tonight given up the bodies of 820 of its dead. The estimated total number of those who went down to death in the Chicago river yesterday morning when the steamer bearing 2,400 excursionists rolled over at its dock remained at approximately 1,000.

Of the 2,600 persons on board at the time of the catastrophe, 1,672, including the crew of seventy-two, have reported as safe. Of the 888 thus remaining unaccounted for, it is believed 400 are alive and failed to report, and that 188 bodies still are in the river.

### Sixty Bodies Recovered

About three score bodies were recovered today. By noon today, divers had concluded that all bodies had been removed save those that may have been crushed into the mud under the Eastland's port side and those that had gone down the river with the current. Under the glare of searchlights and arc lights strung about the ship rescuers are continuing their work tonight.

### Bodies Are Sent Up

While those on land were disposing of the dead, injured and rescued, the divers in the heart of the sunken vessel sent up an almost constant stream of corpses from the submerged decks. First it was a gaily-dressed girl in her teens, who had been caught between a pile of chairs and a cabin wall. Next it was a boy, gathered from the lifeless arms of his father. Then followed an old woman who had gone aboard the ship to watch her grandchildren, or a little girl with bare legs and with ribbon matted against the legs of her holiday gown.

One thrill passed through the crowd as word came from the steamer that a girl baby had been found alive among the dead. The child was discovered in a starboard stateroom, where she had been held from the water by a chair that jammed against the berth. The baby only half awakened as it was carried to land. Its mother could not be found.

Two women were found alive in another stateroom on the protruding side of the Eastland, but that ended the hopes that any number had escaped death in the death trap itself. There were still at least 800 persons in the hold when these three persons were taken out alive, and the explorers of the hulk said that all were dead.

### Grand Jury to Investigate

Yet amidst all the horror and heart-aches officials of the various departments attended to pressing duties of disposition of the dead and injured, tracing of the missing, inquiry into the cause of the disaster and precautions against disease from sunken bodies and the carrying of corpses up the river toward the cannal locks. Federal Judge Landis ordered a grand jury impounded to investigate the accident.

The state's attorney started an investigation. The coroner impounded a jury to inquire into the deaths, police arrested all of the officers of the Eastland and the health commissioner arranged to purify the river, for fear disease might be spread by the presence of so many bodies in the stream.

Arrangements were made to get at the sunken vessel to determine the underlying causes of the accident. Derricks were taken to the side of the Eastland and mariners were engaged to make an inspection of the treacherous ship.

## THE WANT-AD WAY



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## The Weather

Temperatures at Omaha Yesterday.

Hour	Tem.
5 A. M.	54
6 A. M.	54
7 A. M.	55
8 A. M.	55
9 A. M.	56
10 A. M.	56
11 A. M.	56
12 M.	57
1 P. M.	57
2 P. M.	57
3 P. M.	57
4 P. M.	57
5 P. M.	57
6 P. M.	57
7 P. M.	57
8 P. M.	57
9 P. M.	57
10 P. M.	57
11 P. M.	57
12 M.	57

### Comparative Local Record.

Official record of temperature and precipitation compared with the corresponding period of the last three years:	1915	1914	1913	1912
Highest yesterday	77	74	75	80
Lowest yesterday	53	55	55	50
Mean temperature	59	54	55	59
Precipitation	.00	.00	.00	.00
Temperature and precipitation departures from the normal at Omaha since March 1 and compared with the last two years:				
Normal temperature	71			
Deficiency for the day	14			
Deficiency since March 1	2.63			
Normal precipitation	34			
Deficiency for the day	34			
Deficiency since March 1	16.18			
Precipitation since March 1	16.18			
Deficiency since March 1	1.82			
Deficiency for cor. period, 1914	2.71			
Deficiency for cor. period, 1913	2.84			