

1,000 PERSONS DROWN AS CHICAGO STEAMER UPSETS LEAVING ITS DOCK

Struggling, Panic-Stricken Mass of Women and Children on Excursion Boat Eastland Drown—Worst Marine Disaster on Inland Waters—As the Crowded Boat is About to Leave with Merry-makers She Suddenly Lists and Turns Over.

CHICAGO'S GREAT CALAMITY. Latest figures given out by Coroner Hoffman, of Chicago, on the death toll of the capsized steamer Eastland, showed that 892 bodies have been recovered, and that 1,000 of the remaining 1,588 passengers have registered with the Western Electric Company as saved. Of the 516 unaccounted for, it was thought that about 400 were alive and 188 still in the river, making the total dead approximately 1,000.

The ship never heeled back. It turned slowly but steadily toward its left side. Children clutched the skirts of mothers and sisters to keep from falling. The whole cargo was impelled toward the falling side of the ship. Water began to enter lower postholes and the hawsers tore out the piles to which the vessel was tied.

WAR SIDELIGHTS



HAS AN AERIAL TORPEDO BOAT

U. S. May Adopt Invention of Admiral Fiske.

NEW TESTS FOR ISHAM SHELL

Rear-Admiral D. N. Taylor Invents Net To Guard Battleships Against Submarine Attacks.

Washington.—The Navy Department is expected to adopt as a part of the equipment of the battleship fleet an aerial torpedo boat, the invention of Rear-Admiral Bradley Fiske, who is now attached to the Navy War College at Newport.

The aerial boat is designed to carry a torpedo from shore toward an approaching or invading fleet and discharge it practically as would be done by a submarine.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has taken a new interest in the Isham shell. The theory of this shell is that it can be exploded outside of a battleship with more efficiency for destruction than that of the largest armor-piercing shells of the navy. Rear-Admiral Fiske conducted experiments with this shell some months ago but it is understood that Mr. Isham has some new features. Rear-Admiral Fiske and a special board will conduct new tests.

Rear-Admiral D. W. Taylor, chief of the bureau of construction of the Navy Department, will report shortly on the effect of torpedo fire on battleships. It has been stated erroneously that his experiments so far showed that torpedo attacks could not be successfully resisted and that the explosion of one or more torpedoes would destroy a battleship. Rear-Admiral Taylor is to report both on his tests of torpedoes against caissons, representing sections of battleships, and on the value of his anti-torpedo net. Many navy officials believe that the new net discounts very largely the fiercest torpedo attack.

WANTS U. S. TO BUY BELGIUM.

Wanamaker Says It Could Be Turned Over To People.

Philadelphia.—The purchase of Belgium from Germany by the United States and the imposition of high duties on imports and exports by this country were among the suggestions made by John Wanamaker in an address here at a meeting at which prominent business and professional men formed a local branch of the National Security League.

Mr. Wanamaker, who was later elected president of the organization, said it is now the duty of all in their power to restore normal conditions in Europe, and proposed that \$100,000,000 be loaned without interest to the Government for the purchase of Belgium. He suggested that later the Government of that country could be turned over to its own people.

LUSITANIA VICTIMS FOUND.

Two More Bodies Of Americans Recovered From Sea.

Washington.—The American Consul at Queenstown cabled the State Department that the bodies of Harry J. Keiser, of Philadelphia, and Mrs. R. T. Leverich, of New York, victims of the Lusitania disaster, have been recovered. These bodies and that of Herbert S. Stone probably will be shipped from Liverpool for New York next Wednesday.

MRS. RICHARD H. DANA DEAD.

Daughter Of Longfellow and Wife Of Boston Lawyer.

Lancaster, Mass.—Mrs. Richard H. Dana, wife of a Boston lawyer and daughter of the poet Longfellow, died here after a brief illness. Her mother was the second wife of Mr. Longfellow.

VERA CRUZ IS HIS CAPITAL

Carranza Insists on Countries Having Diplomats There.

SCHEMING FOR RECOGNITION

Not Likely To Be Recognized, As Villa Is Regarded in Army Circles As Having the Better of the Military Situation.

Washington.—Late diplomatic advices reaching Washington from Mexico said General Carranza had given notice that he would not receive communications from nor transact business with foreign governments which have no diplomatic agents accredited to his government at Vera Cruz.

Enforcement of such an order practically would cut off the Carranza government from further communication with all the foreign nations which have ministers resident in Mexico City. It would not, according to the information received, sever his informal relations with the United States government, as Carranza is understood to regard Consul Silliman, at Vera Cruz, as a properly accredited agent.

General Carranza's Washington agents said they had no advices of any such action on the part of their leader, nor had they heard that it was in contemplation. The report created interest and surprise in official and diplomatic circles, particularly in view of the general understanding that foreign governments were awaiting action by the United States toward Mexico before recognizing any government in the republic. It was announced recently that Great Britain had definitely determined to extend no recognition until a government had been recognized by the United States.

Although present conditions in Mexico are being given very serious consideration by the Washington government, it is known that no decisive action is in contemplation by the administration in the immediate future despite the fact that the President and Secretary of State have cleared the foreign relations desk for the time being with the dispatch of the third note to Germany regarding submarine warfare.

The Military Situation.

In official quarters the opinion prevails that the military situation in Mexico just at this time is too uncertain for any new step on the part of the United States, and the outcome of approaching conflicts between Carranza and Villa forces in Central Mexico is being awaited with considerable interest.

900 MORE COKE OVENS FIRED.

Production in Connellsville Region Below Capacity.

Connellsville, Pa.—Nine hundred ovens were added this week to the producing capacity of the Connellsville coke region, bringing producing possibilities to 400,000 tons a week if all were in blast. That point, however, was not reached, reported production having been 371,000 tons, with shipments 5,000 tons over the preceding week. Furnace ovens in operation are 76.5 per cent. of the total and merchant ovens 62.6 per cent.

HARDY FOUND GUILTY.

Was Charged With Conducting Baseball Lotteries.

Cincinnati, O.—Edward Hardy, arrested here in connection with the country-wide campaign against baseball lotteries, was found guilty in Municipal Court. On his plea that he was simply an agent for men higher up and had accepted the position of agent because he could get no other work, the minimum sentence of 10 days and \$50 fine was imposed, the 10 days then being remitted and the fine cut to \$25, which Hardy has arranged to pay.

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STATE NEWS BRIEFLY TOLD

Latest Doings in Various Parts of the State.

PREPARED FOR QUICK READING

Big War Order Landed By Mt. Carbon Concern—Young Girl, Long Ill, Ends Life By Shooting—Weight Kills Boy.

Reading was decided upon as the place for the 1916 meeting and the following officers were elected at the closing session of the twelfth annual convention of the Central Paper Box Manufacturers' Association at Reading: President, George P. W. Saul, Schuylkill Haven, Pa.; vice-presidents, Edward Franks, Baltimore, and J. S. Heller, Norfolk, Va.; secretary and treasurer, E. W. Gilbert, Allentown.

While George Kephart, aged thirty-two, was killing rats at his home near Rearing Springs, his father, William Kephart, aged fifty, came around the corner of the house just as he pulled the trigger of his gun. The charge lodged in the father's feet and legs. His right foot was almost blown off and he nearly bled to death before a doctor could be found. His condition is critical.

The Nitrated Products Company, of Mt. Carbon, landed a number of contracts for high explosives in addition to the large orders recently received and which resulted in rush orders for the enlargement of the plant. The company manufactures gun cotton and nitrated explosives which will be delivered to the purchasing agents of the Allies at New York.

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Clayton B. Hertzler, a butcher of Rothsville, has disappeared from his home leaving a note for his wife stating he would never return. Coincidentally with the leaving of Hertzler was the departure of a pretty widow from the same town. The Farmers' Bank of Litzitz has issued an attachment for \$2,760 against Hertzler.

Despondent because of continued ill health, Miss Margaret Casati, aged eighteen, committed suicide at her home in Hazleton, by twice shooting herself through the heart. Her mother was talking tea to the bedroom, when she heard the shots and found her daughter dead.

Congressman W. W. Grist, Lieutenant Governor Frank B. McClain and Mayor H. L. Trout were in a party of Conestoga Traction Company directors, officials and citizens of Lancaster, who were guests of the Ephrata & Lebanon Railway Company.

Struck on the head by the heavy weight which held a fire escape above the street level, Paul V. Estep, aged twelve, of Altoona, was instantly killed. He had jumped on the escape from a fence and the jar snapped the wire chain.

Jacob H. Wise, one of the oldest members of the Knights of Pythias in this State, was installed as master of records and seals of Improvement Lodge, 197, of Clifton Heights, for the forty-sixth consecutive time.

OUTLINES PLANS FOR LABOR INSURANCE

Department Officials Take Steps in Move To Safeguard Families.

Harrisburg.—Establishment of the State Workmen's Insurance Fund, which is to be the nucleus of the State insurance for the workmen's compensation system, will be completed by the end of this month and an official depository will be designated.

The last Legislature appropriated \$200,000 for the start of the fund and it will be increased by the sums to be paid by employers for the purpose of insuring their employees. This State fund is to be handled without liability on the part of the State. The employers who desire to go into the fund are to pay premiums by a schedule made according to the risk of injury. The State Treasurer is to be the custodian of the fund and he will invest the money paid to the credit of the fund. The premiums are to be paid under a schedule to be issued by October 1 annually, and five per cent. will be set aside for creation of a surplus. The fund is to be directed by a board, consisting of the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, State Insurance Commissioner and State Treasurer, with the Attorney General as counsel, and the board may name a manager at \$7,500 a year and other officers. First steps in the work now are being taken by the Insurance Department officials.

Brashear Modest At Highest Honor.

Dr. John Brashear, who has been named first citizen of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania by Governor Brumbaugh, takes no credit to himself, but rather gives it to his wife.

"My success in everything—even being selected as one of Pennsylvania's leading citizens," said Dr. Brashear, modestly, "I attribute to her help."

"I first consider it a joke, not knowing what it was all about," said Dr. Brashear, "until a few weeks ago, when I received a letter from an officer in Punxsutawney telling me that he had sent fourteen votes, naming me as the leading citizen. I sent that gentleman a letter and told him that he would probably be arrested for repeating."

"Why should any one name me as a leading citizen? I'm sure there were many great men in this State who could have been given the honor. While I have been honored as president and member of some of the greatest mechanical and academy of science societies in America, I consider it a signal honor to be named one of the State's leading citizens.

"I believe my most notable achievement was the raising of the \$300,000 fund for the erection of the Allegheny Observatory and securing permission to make part of the observatory free to the people. Since its erection five years ago, more than 15,000 persons have visited the observatory."

Cost Of Militia Encampment. The Adjutant General's Department announced that the total of the pay warrants on account of the recent National Guard encampment at Mount Gretna was \$101,098.70.

The disbursement in detail was as follows: First Regiment, \$11,279; Second, \$10,887; Third, \$10,731; Fourth, \$12,831; Sixth, \$12,698; Eighth, \$12,650; Ninth, \$11,457; Thirteenth, \$12,192; Separate Battalion, \$3,922; Division Headquarters, \$1,036; Headquarters First Brigade, \$735; Third Brigade, \$747; Fourth Brigade, \$827.

State Highways Official Dies.

George A. Barclay, of Pittsburgh, superintendent of sign erection of the State Highway Department died in the Harrisburg Hospital as the result of injuries received May 7 when a Highway Department auto truck on which he was riding plunged over an embankment on the road leading from this city to Sunbury.