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 Merrymakers 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.

"A considerable portion of the blame for the Eastland disaster rests upon the United States Inspection Bureau," said Maclay Hoyne, state's attorney, in a statement in Chicago regarding his investigation of the wreck. "If the inspectors had done their duty the accident could not have occurred. We know the ship was considered unsafe by them, because I have copies of letters sent to Washington which predicted this occurrence. I may introduce these letters at the inquest."

The state's attorney will submit to the grand jury a letter written in 1913 by John D. York, a naval architect of Chicago, to the steamboat inspector warning him that the Eastland was not a safe boat.

Colonel Hannan, secretary to Senator La Follette, puts the blame on faulty laws and lax inspection. He says a representative of the Seamen's Union had called the attention of the inspection service to the danger of allowing large crowds on boats of the Eastland type.

Acting Mayor Moorhouse decided to raise a relief fund of \$200,000 to be distributed under the direction of the National Red Cross. In addition to this the Western Electric Company, whose employes formed the majority of the ill-fated excursion party, announced that \$100,000 from its employes insurance funds was available for relief.

The most discussed theories of he disaster are four: That the boat was overloaded; that she was not properly ballasted: that a tug that made fast to warp the Eastland from the docks started pulling too soon; that congestion of passengers rushing to the port side, attracted by some passing sensation, tipped the steamer

Chicago.-More than 1,000 persons, most of them women and children, were drowned Saturday within a few feet of land by the capeizing of the steel steamer Eastland as it was about to leave its wharf in the Chicago river with 2.500 relatives and friends of employes of the Western Electric Company for an excursion across Lake Michigan. The ship rolled over on its side in 25 feet of water within five minutes after it began to list

Thme Investigations Under Way. The cause of the capsizing has not been determined, but Federal, city and State officers are conducting investigations to determine whether the ship was top heavy from faulty designing. was improperly ballasted or was poorly handled in warping from the wharf. Marine architects asserted that the

Eastland was faulty in design, that the top deck had been removed because of the tendency of the ship to list and also pointed to the possibility that the ship had been unevenly or inused water ballast, so that it could are working on a theory that the bal- Telephone and Telegraph Company. last tanks were not filled and the the deck caused it to roll over.

7,000 Were Out For Merry Day. Under misty skies 7,000 men, women

and children wended their way to the served for 10 years or more. Clark street dock to fill five large lake steamers with holiday mirth in a trip to Michigan City. The steamer Eastland, brought to Chicago from Lake Erie after an unsatisfactory career, was the first to be loaded.

Rain began to fall as the wharf superintendents lifted the gangplanks from the Eastland, declaring that the Government limit of 2,500 passengers had been reached. White dresses peeped from raincoats along the shore rails as those aboard waved good-by the steamer Theodore Roosevelt and

other vessels. the left side of the ship, as the other cago in 1904 and was used in the exsteamers drew up the river toward cursion business to South Haven, and the steamer's engines began to excursion service there. hum. The Eastland had not budged, however. Instead, the heavily laden it was then brought to Chicago and ship wavered sidewise, leaning first put on the run to St. Joseph, Mich. It toward the river bank. The lurch was had a steel hull and was known as so startling that many passengers one of the fastest excursion boats on joined the large concourse already on the Great Lakes. It had a speed of the river side of the decks.

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. Screams from passengers attracted the attention of fellow-excursionists

on the dock awaiting the next steamer. Wharfmen and picnickers soon lined the edge of the embanknient, reaching out helplessly toward the wavering

For nearly five minutes the ship turned before it finally dived under the swift current of the river, owing to the drainage canal system which flows from the lake. During the mighty turning of the ship, with its cargo of humanity, lifeboats, chairs and other loose appurtenances on the decks, slipped down the sloping floors, crushing the passengers toward the rising waters.

Then there was a plunge, with a sigh of air escaping from the hold, mingled with crying of children and shrieks of women, and the ship was on the bottom of the river, casting

Hundreds Saved Quickly.

Many sank, entangled with clothing and bundles, and did not rise, but hundreds came to the surface, seized floating chairs and other objects. Those on shore threw out ropes and dragged in those who could hold these life lines. Employes of commission firms along the river threw crates, chicken coops and other floatable things into the current, but most of these were swept away by the stream, which runs five miles an hour.

Boats put out, tugs rushed to the scene with shrieking whistles and many men snatched off coats and shoes and sprang into the river to aid the drowning. With thousands of spectators ready to aid and the wharf within grasp, hundreds went to death, despite every effort at rescue.

THE PRESIDENT'S SYMPATHY.

Lipton Also Offers Condolences and a Check For \$1,000.

Chicago. - Acting Mayor Moorhouse, of Chicago, received the following telegram from President Woodrow

"Windsor, Vt., July 25, 1915. "Hon. William Hale Thompson,

"Mayor, Chicago, Ill.: "I am sure I speak the universal feeling of the people of the country in expressing my profound sympathy and sorrow in the presence of the great disaster which saddened so many

A cablegram was received from Sir Thomas Lipton, of London, England, which read as follows:

"I am greatly shocked to see by the day's newspapers the catastrophe that has fallen on your city. My heartfelt sympathy goes out to those who have lost their dear ones. If you start a relief fund put me down for \$1,000." A message of condolence from the organization of the General Slocum Survivors of New York also was re-

EMPLOYES WERE INSURED.

Relatives Of Drowned Persons Temporarily Provided For.

Chicago.-Relatives of employes of the Western Electric Company who sufficiently ballasted. The Eastland met death in the Chicago river disaster are provided for under an inpump out some on entering shallow surance plan which is maintained lake harbors, so some investigators through affiliation with the American

The death benefit provides payment rushing of passengers to one side of of six months' wages to dependents of those having been in the employ of the company for five years or more and one year's pay to those having

> Chicago .- Exhibition of moving-pietures depicting the Eastland tragedy in any photo-play theatre in the city was forbidden by Acting Mayor W. R. Moorhouse.

HISTORY OF THE BOAT.

Built In 1903, Owned In Cleveland,

Remodeled This Year. The steamer Eastland was built in 1903 and owned by the Eastland Navito friends on shore waiting to board gation Company, of Cleveland, Ohio. It was 265 feet long, 38 feet wide and had a draft of 23 feet, with a net ton-Then the passengers swarmed to nage of 1,218. It was brought to Chithe wharf. A tug was hitched to the Mich., for several years. Later it was Eastland, ropes were ordered cast off taken to Cleveland and placed in the

This spring the boat was remodeled.

WAR SIDELIGHTS



TORPEDO BOAT

U. S. May Adopt Invention of Carranza Insists on Countries Admiral Fiske.

hundred of living creatures into the Rear-Admiral D. N. Taylor Invents Not Likely To Be Recognized, As 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 disby a submarine.

Secretary of the Navy Daniels has it can be exploded outside of a battleship with more efficiency for destruction than that of the largest armorpiercing shells of the navy. Reardmiral Fiske conducted experis with this shell some months ago but it is understood that Mr. Isham has

new tests. effect of torpedo fire on battleships. It has been stated erroneously that his resisted and that the explosion of one or more torpedoes would destroy a report both on his tests of torpedoes ognized by the United States. against caissons, representing sections of battleships, and on the value of his anti-torpedo net. Many navy officials very largely the flercest torpedo at-

WANTS U. S. TO BUY BELGIUM.

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 the business men of this country to do all in their power to restore normal conditions in | Production In Connellsville Region Be-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 partment that the bodies of Harry J. | cent. Keser, 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

HIS CAPITAL

Having Diplomats There.

NEW TESTS FOR ISHAM SHELL SCHEMING FOR RECOGNITION

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 com munications from nor transact business with foreign governments which have no diplomatic agents accredited to his government at Vera Cruz.

Enforcement of such an order prac tically would cut off the Carranza govcharge it practically as would be done ernment from further communication with all the foreign nations which have ministers resident in Mexico taken a new interest in the Isham City. It would not, according to the shell. The theory of this shell is that 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

General Carranza's Washington agents said they had no advices of any some new features. Rear-Admiral such action on the part of their leader. Fiske and a special board will conduct | nor had they heard that it was in contemplation. The report created inter-Rear-Admiral D. W. Taylor, chief of est and surprise in official and diplothe bureau of construction of the Navy | matic circles, particularly in view of Department, will report shortly on the the general understanding that foreign governments were awaiting action by the United States toward Mexico beexperiments so far showed that tor- fore recognizing any government in pedo attacks could not be successfully the republic. It was announced recently that Great Britain had definitely determined to extend no recognition battleship. Rear-Admiral Taylor is to until a government had been rec-

Although present conditions in Mexico are being given very serious consideration by the Washington govern believe that the new net discounts ment, 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 Wanamaker Says It Could Be Turned 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

900 MORE COKE OVENS FIRED.

low 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 productions 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 at Queenstown cabled the State De- total and merchant ovens 62.6 per

HARDY FOUND GUILTY.

Was Charged With Conducting Baseball Lotteries.

Cincinnati, O .- Edward Hardy, ar rested 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 Lancaster, Mass.-Mrs. Richard H. agent because he could get no other Dana, wife of a Boston lawyer and work, the minimum sentence of 10 daughter of the poet Longfellow, died days and \$50 fine was imposed, the 16 here after a brief illness. Her mother days then being remitted and the fine was the second wife of Mr. Longfel- 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.

PREPAREDFORQUICKREADING

Big War Order Landed By Mt. Carbon Concern-Young Girl, Long III, 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 clos-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 thirteen, was killing rats at his home near Roaring 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 guncotton 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. Co-incident with the leaving of Hertzler was the departure of a pretty widow from the same town. The Farmers' Bank of Lititz has issued an attachment for \$2,700 against Hertzler.

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

Congressman W. W. Griest, 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 S ate, 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 \$300,000 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 employes. 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 ing session of the twelfth annual convest the money paid to the credit of custodian of the fund and he will invention of the Central Paper Box the fund. The premiums are to be Manufacturers' Association at Read- 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 be ing 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 editor 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 repeat-

"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, \$12,881; 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, uperintendent 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.