

## U.S. Steamship Inspection Officials Are Accused of Neglect of Duty Following Eastland Disaster; Inquiries Under Way

### EVIDENCE IS PREPARED TO FURNISH GRAND JURY; EXAMINATION OF CREW

Investigators Do Not Credit Theory That Shifting Weight Caused Disaster Costing 1,000 Lives.

EASTLAND NOT SAFE, PROSECUTOR DECLARES

Coroner Defers Inquest Till Search For Bodies Ends—Graphic and Pathetic Stories Related.

Chicago, July 26.—Federal and state authorities today took up the task of fixing the responsibility for the Eastland steamship disaster in which approximately 1,000 of the 2,408 people aboard lost their lives while preparing to start on an excursion Saturday.

The examination of the crew of the Eastland continued today with a view to learning if all regulations had been complied with. Efforts are also being made to ascertain whether the vessel was properly constructed.

State's Attorney Hoyne has begun the preparation of evidence for the Cook county grand jury on the theory that the United States inspection bureau erred in granting the Eastland license to engage in trans-lake traffic. Mr. Hoyne declared that the evidence he had in hand indicated that the Eastland was an unsafe ship.

Dickerson N. Hoover, acting supervising inspector of the United States steamboat service, and Captain Charles H. Westcott, of Detroit, joined inspectors Mansfield and Nicholas in the examination of the crew to determine if there was any neglect in the operation of the vessel and whether the water ballast compartments were properly filled. They do not credit the theory that the accident was caused by the sudden shifting of weight.

Inquest Deferred. Coroner Hoffman announced today he would not conduct the inquest into the disaster until the search for the dead had been completed. The searching for the bodies continued through the night and this morning, and an additional twenty-five divers were sent into the hull.

Otto Brandt was sent to the scene by his sister, Mrs. Mary Braitch, to find her husband and four children from whom she was separated when the boat capsized. Brandt located all the bodies in the morgue. Mrs. Braitch and her family were together when the vessel started to tilt. She had her

### Hastened Plans for U.S. Defense Follow Sending of Firm Note to Berlin

Washington, July 26.—It has been formally announced from the white house that President Wilson on his return from Washington would confer with Secretaries Garrison and Daniels on a program for national defense. President Wilson has written to the heads of the war and navy departments for reports, pointing out the necessity for working out plans for increasing the efficiency of the military arm of the government.

Although nothing was stated officially concerning the purpose of these plans, it was hinted that with the dispatch of the emphatic note to Germany the president had decided to hasten the reports and recommendation which are being prepared by the war and navy departments for congress so that all necessary information would be available if emergency arose. As yet it has not been intimated that the president has set any definite time for submitting the program to congress, but he purposes, it is said, to map out a plan so that no time may

### Gen. Funston on Border Given Drastic Orders

San Antonio, Tex., July 26.—Definite orders have been received from Washington by Major General Funston, commanding the border forces to repel from American territory any firing that threatens between Carranza and Villa forces at Nogales and Naco.

Drastic Order. Washington, July 26.—The order to General Funston in regard to the threatened fighting between Villa and Carranza forces at Naco and Nogales is the most drastic yet given by the war department for the protection of Americans on the Mexican border. It is understood that both Carranza and Villa, have been notified that the United States will use force if necessary.

baby in her arms when they were thrown into the water but it slipped from her grasp. She was taken home in a hysterical condition. "She sent me down here and said 'I know that at least one of my babies is alive,'" said Mr. Brandt. "I found the bodies and had them brought together. I should have gone home long ago but I cannot tell her they are all dead.

Dragged Through Holes. George Olinger and his wife, Elizabeth, were dragged out after a hole had been cut in the hull. "When the boat began to roll I grasped Elizabeth and we both scrambled up the side," said Mr. Olinger. "We clung there to a port hole and looking down could see the water pouring through like a waterfall. It rushed by the stairway and spurted through port holes. Men and women were floundering about in the water and screaming as it rose.

"In the place where we were there were about twenty women and seven men. The men assisted the women to places where they might cling until help arrived but many sank. "I kissed my wife and we prepared for death. Some of the women were hysterical. The rescuers tried to pull them through the port holes, but the openings were too small."

J. Patterson, his wife and

### BERLIN PAPERS CRITICISE NOTE

U. S. Reply Shows Lack of Readiness to Understand German Standpoint, Says Vossische Zeitung.

MAIN PRINCIPLE NOT TENABLE IT HOLDS

Contends Germany Can Make No More Concessions, and Continued Insistence Is Not Neutrality.

Berlin, July 26.—(Over-Seas News Agency dispatch by wireless telegraph to Sayville, N. Y.)—The latest American note to Germany concerning submarine warfare was received most unfavorably by the German newspapers, in which it was printed Sunday morning.

The Vossische Zeitung, in a lengthy editorial says: "The refusal to accept Germany's practical proposal to protect American passengers shows an absolute lack of readiness to understand the German standpoint. The principle that belligerent states must protect neutrals is untenable if applied in the fullest sense, as it would mean abdication to neutral states. It is true that belligerents must respect neutral rights, but only provided neutrals do everything to prevent their citizens getting into situations where protection is impossible.

"Victory over the enemy is the supreme law for every belligerent. Those who render more difficult this task than does international law, support the enemy. The war on land has shown clearly that restrictions are necessary. A person who remains within a beleaguered fortress or walks into a gunfire zone risks his life without the right of protection from his home government.

"The same also is true of naval warfare in spite of the mistaken phrase 'Freedom of the seas.' It is granted that the ocean is free for peaceful travel, but naval battles also take place on it. Neutral ships sailing between fighting battlefields run the risk of being hit by shells and lack of being struck by mines. The submarine's only instruments are the firing of torpedoes.

"Those who demand that Germany should conduct the war according to rules laid down by some academic professor, expect Germany either to endanger her submarines or to give up this warfare, which means the weakening of Germany in the interest of her enemy. This is not neutrality but partisanship against Germany.

"We know today that the passengers of the Lusitania could have been saved, but that they were neglected. Germany regrets their death, but she has a clean conscience and has no reason to disapprove of the conduct of the submarine commanders.

"President Wilson considers the further torpedoing of their warships carrying American passengers a deliberately unfriendly act. While Germany always is glad to respect American friendship, she has conceded everything that can be conceded. One bit more would be considered humiliating by Germany, whose armies have been victorious upon all the battlefields in the east and in the west."

The Tagliche Rundschau and the Krums Zeitung similarly declare that the American note calls for the most decided opposition and that it requires Great Britain to show at least an equal respect for the spirit of international law as the president demands from Germany.

The Tagblatt says: The note shows clearly that the American government cares more for the crippling of our submarine war than for the safeguarding of American lives. The United States must realize that to change our submarine warfare is out of the question. The note proves that pro-British influence has gained an upper hand in President Wilson's circle. We hope the common sense of the American people will prevent citizens from serving as protection for English munition ships."

### FIGHTING FOR WARSAW SHIFTS FROM SOUTH AS VON MACKENSEN HALTS

### Great Britain Fails to Heed U.S. Protests In Belated Reply to Note

Washington, July 26.—Great Britain's reply to the American note of March 30 protesting against the enforcement of the British orders-in-council which restrict neutral commerce was received today. The reply holds that the orders-in-council are within international law, although they involve new application of principles, and argues that they may properly await judicial interpretation. The new note contends in courteous language that the acts based on the orders-in-council are justified in decisions by the United States Supreme court on cases arising during the war of the states.

There are many differences with the United States over what is termed the new application of principles which are held proper for judicial submission. The receipt of the reply was announced by Secretary Lansing today. It will be sent at once to President Wilson at Cornish, N. H., and will be given out for publication for the papers Wednesday morning.

### Calle's Carranza Army Apparently Preparing To Defy United States

Washington, July 26.—Major General Funston has reported that despite warnings to Carranza and the latter's assurances that there will be no fighting at border towns which might endanger the lives of Americans, General Calle, with 2,000 Car-

ranza troops, has arrived at Santa Barbara, 20 miles from Nogales and apparently is preparing to attack the border town.

General Funston had been ordered to repel with force any firing into American territory.

MOTOR CARS FOR RURAL MAIL CARRIERS, IS ORDER

Postmaster General Orders the Elimination of Bicycles and Motorcycles.

(By PARKER ANDERSON)

Washington, July 26.—Postmaster General Burleson issued an order Saturday prohibiting the use of bicycles and motorcycles in the rural delivery service after January 1 next. Mr. Burleson says after that date carriers must use automobiles instead of motorcycles and bicycles.

According to an official statement given out at the department there are approximately 8,000 routes upon which bicycles and motorcycles are used to carry the mails. It is held by the department that this type of vehicle does not have the carrying capacity needed for the parcel post service. The elimination of this kind of vehicle, the department says, will also tend to equalize the working conditions of the carrier force as carriers using motorcycles are especially liable to injury which results in great expense to the government since the passage of a law by congress authorizing the government to pay for injury and death to postal employees while on duty.

Ensign F. G. Bladell, U. S. navy, who is attached to the division of naval militia affairs in the navy department will leave Washington July 27 on a tour of inspection of the North Carolina naval militia and to assist the state authorities in the installation of a comprehensive and a proper system for the accounting and care of federal property loaned to the state of North Carolina for the use of naval militia.

Ensign Bladell will first confer with Adjutant General Young at Raleigh and will later accompany General Young on an inspection of the naval militia at Newbern, Washington, Beaufort, Hertford and Elizabeth City. Chief Yeoman Eley will accompany Ensign Bladell on the trip and will be assigned for duty with the naval militia of North Carolina temporarily under the supervision of the inspector-instructor, Lieutenant E. H. Connor.

German Field Marshall Unable to Advance in South Poland to Join Army in the North.

RUSSIAN STILL HOLDING TO LUBLIN RAILROAD

Germans Are Within 25 Miles of Warsaw One Place and 12 Miles Another by Late Success.

London, July 26.—The fighting for Warsaw has shifted from the south, where Field Marshall von Mackensen has been unable to advance toward the north, where the Germans have crossed the Narew river along the border front.

Petrograd has not admitted the German success at Ostrolenka, the fortress from which radiates three useful strategic railways which are apparently still in the control of the Russians, although they are being attacked from Pultusk. There is no fighting by the Germans at points south of Ostrolenka.

The latest German success has brought the invaders within twenty-five miles of north Warsaw but the Polish capital has two lines of defense along the Mug river. To the south the Germans are attacking the defense lines near Pitsieczno, which is within twelve miles of Warsaw.

The Russians have withdrawn all men and materials for the manufacture of munitions from Warsaw.

The stubborn hold of the Russians on the Lublin-Chelm railroad continues. The Austro-

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