

# United States Intervenes in Haiti, And Two American Soldiers Killed.

## THE TWICE-A-WEEK DISPATCH

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BURLINGTON, ALABAMA COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA, TUESDAY AUGUST 3, 1915.

### VERDICT IN EASTLAND'S JURY BLAMES SIX MEN FOR EASTLAND DISASTER IN CHICAGO RIVER

Recommends that General Managers of Companies, Captain, Engineer and Federal Steamboat Inspectors Be Indicted for Manslaughter

### URGES FURTHER INVESTIGATION TO FIX GUILT OF OTHERS

Secretary Redfield and Inspector General Uhler in Conference With Jury—Urge Regulation for Stability Inspection of Passenger Steamers

Chicago, July 28.—A coroner's jury tonight returned a verdict placing the blame for the loss of hundreds of lives by the capsizing of the steamer Eastland in the Chicago river Saturday on six men: William H. Hull, general manager of the Chicago-St. Joseph Steamship Company, owner of the Eastland; Captain Harry Pedersen, of the Eastland; J. M. Erickson, engineer; Robert Reid, federal inspector of steamships, who gave the Eastland license to carry 2,500 passengers July 2; J. C. Eckhoff, federal inspector of steamships; W. K. Greenbaum, general manager of the Indiana Transportation Company, lessee of the Eastland.

The jury recommended that these men be held to a grand jury for indictment on charges of manslaughter. Passengers not to be blame for accident.

The jury found that the passengers were not in any way to blame for the capsizing of the ship. It recommends further investigation by the coroner and other officers to determine whether the men named and others may be guilty of negligence or of contributing in any way to the cause of the disaster.

The six jurors selected by Coroner Peter Hoffman to hold the inquest on the victims of the Eastland catastrophe are: Dr. W. A. Evans, formerly health commissioner; Colonel Henry A. Allen, consulting engineer; Harry Moir, hotel proprietor; J. S. Kowigh, coffee merchant; Eugene Reiffeld, hotel manager; W. F. Bode, wholesale grocer. Grand Jury May Not Return Indictment.

After State's Attorney Macley Hoyne during the day had announced that the county grand jury would return indictments against those thought to be to blame for the capsizing of the Eastland, and had announced tonight that the action had been postponed until tomorrow, he later said he had been advised that the jury did not have sufficient jurisdiction to prosecute, except for manslaughter, and that probably the jury did not have sufficient evidence to warrant them in returning such true bills. He said he would turn over what evidence he had to the United States District Attorney Cline, who will start placing witnesses before a federal grand jury in a few days.

### DUTCH PROVIDE FOR ARMY INCREASE TO 550,000.

The Hague, Netherlands, July 30.—via London, 6:52 p. m.—The new Dutch landarmy bill was adopted by the first chamber today and became law. The measure provides for an eventual increase in the total number of soldiers of Holland to approximately 550,000 officers and men instead of 250,000 who are now under arms.

### HAITIANS KILL TWO UNITED STATES BLUE JACKETS.

Attack Made on American Force Landed at Port Au Prince For Protection—Order Maintained in City.

Battleship Connecticut With 500 Marines Will Sail From Philadelphia to Haiti Today; The Transport Hancock Will Also Be Sent; Haitians Selecting President.

Washington, July 30.—Two American bluejackets were killed last night in an attack by natives on Port Au Prince, Haiti, held by Rear Admiral Caperton with four hundred men from the cruiser Washington. The attacking party was beaten off without having approached closer than the outskirts of the city and order was maintained in the city itself. No sailors were wounded and the loss of the attacking force was not reported. The dead:

William Gompers, seaman, of Brooklyn.

Cason S. Whitehurst, ordinary seaman, of Norfolk, Va. Reinforcements had been ordered to Haiti before word of the fighting was received. The battleship Connecticut will sail from Philadelphia tomorrow with a regiment of marines, numbering 500 men.

### UNITED STATES RESOLVED ON PEACE IN MEXICO.

Definite Steps to End Revolution to be Taken Upon President's Return.—Army and Navy Ready.

Armed Intervention is Not Expected But it is Believed that a Message Will be Sent The Opposing Leaders Fixing a Final Date for Them to Cease Hostilities.

Washington, July 30.—Definite steps toward the restoration of peace in Mexico will be taken immediately upon President Wilson's return to Washington next week. The specific action the President may have decided upon has not been disclosed, but it was authoritatively stated tonight that preparations were being made to carry out promptly the program determined upon. Only an unexpected move in Mexico itself to end the strife, it is said, would further delay affirmative action by the United States to restore constitutional government in the war-torn republic.

Armed intervention is not regarded as contemplated in the President's program.

If the Austrians really want to stop the Italian advance, why don't they wait until the charge is in full blast and then blow the 12 o'clock whistle? —Boston Transcript.

### CENTENARY FORCE NORTH OF POLAND.

German Having Crossed the Najew in 48-Mile Front Are Driving Eastward to Berg—Climax in Fore-night.

Field Marshal Von Mackensen's Sustained Effort to Get Astride Lublin Chelm Railroad Meets With No Success; Von Buelow's Troops Driving South.

### EUROPEAN NATIONS AT WAR REVIEW THE FIRST YEAR OF GREAT STRUGGLE; ALL ARE FIGHTING DESPERATELY, BUT HOPEFULLY.

War Will Last Till Allies Win Declares Sir Edward Carson—Gives Broad Outline of First Year of War.

Put End to Prussianism—"Word Peace Does Not Enter Into Our Vocabulary at Present Time."

How Long Will War Last—Sir Edward Carson is Unable to Say Except it is England's Purpose to Bring Conflict to Successful Issue.

### ROUTE No. 8.

We stopped with Robert L. Foster for dinner Saturday and as usual we found the table loaded with good things to eat and we done our duty.

Joe Pickett and wife of Mebane N. C. spent Saturday and Sunday with J. C. McCulloch and attended church at Stony Creek Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Pickett are some of our old friends and we are glad to see them. They are from Orange county.

When we came to Bruce Faucette's mail box Saturday the aides of it were bulging out and we found it full of some of the finest plums at all. Thank you, Bruce. We also thank Mrs. Joe Foster for some of the nicest red apples we have received this season. We are foolish about anything red any way, but we like some others, we do not like red mud.

Our Kid Hal who has been in Orange county for the last two months getting his board free, came home Friday. We were real glad to see the little rascal. Now we will put him to work. He's like me, he loves work. O. P. Shelton and wife are visiting Mrs. Shelton's sister, Mrs. Bettie Ross.

We regret to hear that Miss Alice Ripsey is right sick. Hope she will soon recover.

Mrs. E. W. Ross was right sick last week, but is now up and about. Don't forget our picnic, August 1. No. 8 folks are, of course, expected to attend, others from the adjoining routes are cordially invited. Come.

### ANNOUNCEMENT.

All reputable practicing physicians desiring to be designated as local medical examiners for the U. S. Civil Service Commission, and who are willing to execute medical certificates in connection with civil service examinations for a fee of one dollar, should so advise the local Secretary, Board of Civil Service examiners, at the Post Office building, or the District Secretary, Fourth Civil Service District, Washington, D. C.

Very respectfully,  
L. H. FISHER,  
District Secretary.

Remember the ice cream supper to be given by the Junior Philanthropists of the M. P. Church next Saturday night. Proceeds for the benefit of the class.

### YOUNG WHITSETT LADY DIED HERE LAST NIGHT.

Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, of Music Department of Whitsett Institute Dies at St. Leo's Hospital.

Friends and relatives at Whitsett and throughout this county and the state will be shocked to learn of the death of Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, which occurred at St. Leo's hospital last night at eight o'clock. Miss Wheeler has been very low for the past several weeks and for several days little hope had been entertained for her recovery. Her mother and father were present last night when she died.

The deceased was 26 years of age and had lived at Whitsett all her life and has been a teacher in the primary and music department of Whitsett institute for several years. She was also a member of Springwood Presbyterian church and had been church organist there for a number of years. Miss Wheeler was especially talented in music and was a young woman of a lovable disposition, which won for her a host of friends. She is survived by a father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Ed E. Wheeler, three brothers, Cyrus, Ed and Glen Wheeler, and two sisters, Misses Elsie and Ila Wheeler, all of Whitsett. She was also a cousin of Rev. and Mrs. S. M. Rankin, of this city. The funeral arrangements had not been completed last night. —Greensboro Daily News.

### A DELIGHTFUL LAWN PARTY.

On Thursday night Miss Theima Stafford gave a delightful lawn party at her home on East Davis street, from 8 to 11:30. The lawn was decorated with Japanese lanterns which made a charming setting for the party. Rook was played, also tap-hand and other out-of-doors games. The music throughout the evening was enjoyed by all. Refreshments consisting of cream and cake were served. About thirty guests were present.

### GIBSONVILLE VS. BURLINGTON.

One of the most interesting baseball games of the season was played at Piedmont Park on Thursday afternoon between Gibsonville and Burlington. The features of the game were home runs by Brittain and Edgar Litterloh and the pitching of Barnes. The Gibsonville team seemed a little weak on account of lack of practice. The score was 8 to 1 in favor of Burlington.

### FOUR MORE TRAWLERS MADE TO HIT BOTTOM.

London, July 31.—Four more low-sit trawlers have been sunk by a German submarine. The crews were saved.

### MISS ATWATER ENTERTAINS.

Miss Annie May Atwater very charmingly entertained at her home last Thursday afternoon from 4 to 6 o'clock in honor of her guest, Miss Bynum Maynard. Progressive rook was the game of the afternoon. The prize, a beautiful box of stationery, was won by Miss Carrie Meade Fix. Cream and cake were served. About thirty girls were present.

### QUITE A HINT.

The Guest—"Your wife is such a handsome woman, I should think you'd be jealous of her."

The Host—"I am. And for that reason I never invite any men here that any sane woman would take a fancy to."

### BECKER DIES IN ELECTRIC CHAIR

Former Police Lieutenant Executed For Investigating Murder of Rosenthal—He Met His Fate Calmly.

Photograph of His Wife Pinned On His Shirt Over His Heart—Gives Out Dying Statement in Which He Declares His Innocence of Crime; Story of Rosenthal Killing.

Sing Sing Prison, Ossining, N. Y., July 30.—Charles Becker paid the death penalty by electrocution here early today for having instigated the murder of Herman Rosenthal, gambler, three years ago. With wonderful composure and maintaining his innocence to the last, the former New York police lieutenant led the way to the execution chamber. A photograph of his wife was pinned on his shirt over his heart. Three shocks were given before the prison physician pronounced life extinct at 5:55 o'clock.

With two priests at his side chanting a litany, Becker joining in and repeating "have mercy on us," the condemned man walked steadily to the death chair. He had sat up all night on the edge of his cot, talking to Deputy Warden Charles H. Johnson.

"I have got to face it and I am going to meet it quietly and without trouble to anyone."

The deputy warden left Becker about an hour before the time for the execution. When Father Cahin, prison priest, and Father Curry, of New York, came, they found Becker with his face resting on his hand gazing at the prison floor. They remained with him to the end. To Father Curry he gave his last message, which was:

"I am not guilty by deed, or conspiracy, or in any other way of the death of Rosenthal. I am sacrificed to my friends. Bear this message to the world and my friends. Amen."

He hesitated a moment as he entered the execution room. He looked quickly at the double row of witnesses, glanced at the floor, then suddenly walked over the rubber mat and seated himself in the electric chair.

Three shocks were given before the condemned man was pronounced dead. He was put to death by the State executioner whose name is unknown to the public. He said that in his opinion Becker had died instantly at the first contact.

### Dying Declaration.

At 4:30 o'clock he had given out the following typewritten statement as his dying declaration, signed in his own bold handwriting:

### "My Dying Declaration:

"Gentlemen: I stand before you in my full senses, knowing that no power on earth can save me from the grave that is to receive me. In the face of that, in the teeth of those who condemned me and in the presence of my God and your God, I proclaim my absolute innocence of the foul crime for which I must die. You are now about to witness my destruction by the State which is organized to protect the lives of the innocent. May Almighty God pardon every one who has contributed in any degree to my untimely death. And now, on the brink of my grave I declare to the world that I am proud to have been the husband of the purest, noblest woman that ever lived—Helen Becker. This announcement is the only legacy I can leave her. I bid you all good bye. Father, I am ready to go. Amen.

Rosenthal Killed July 16, 1912. Herman Rosenthal, the gambler for whose murder Charles Becker was sentenced to die in the electric chair,

was shot to death by hired gunmen in the early morning of July 16, 1912, in front of the Hotel Metropole on Forty-third street, a few steps from Broadway. The murder was the swift culmination of sensational charges made a few days before by Rosenthal against Becker, then head of the Strong Arm Squad of detectives, freely sold police protection and had accumulated thousands of dollars of graft money.

Rosenthal went further than that. He swore that Becker was his silent partner in a gambling enterprise that failed and that Becker, angered by losses where he had expected large profits, raided the Rosenthal establishment and drove Rosenthal out of business by stationing uniformed policemen on his premises day and night.

These charges were published and District Attorney Whitman began an investigation of them. He summoned Rosenthal to the Criminals Courts building and listened to his story. An appointment was made with Rosenthal for the next day. Before the time came, Rosenthal was murdered.

When the assassins had done their work, they ran across the street, jumped into a grey automobile which was waiting at the curb and whirled away uptown. A bystander caught the license number of the car.

District Attorney Whitman, notified by telephone of the murder, reached the police station where Rosenthal's body lay before dawn. He aroused his detectives from their sleep and spread a dragnet over the city for the murder car. It was found before night. Its driver, Louis Shapiro, and Louis Libbey, part owner, were arrested and Mr. Whitman asserted openly in an emphatic statement that the police had abetted the murder.

New York City, already interested in the charges of police corruption, responded to the news of the murder as if to a call to arms. Becker, who had been the chief target of Rosenthal's accusations, was openly suspected. He was relieved of his command of the Strong Arm Squad and transferred to the Bronx. Jack Rose, his graft collector, walked into the Criminal Courts building the day after the murder and surrendered to the District Attorney, declaring he had nothing to fear. Harry Vallon and Sridgie Webber, gamblers and friends of Rose and Becker, were arrested as witnesses. The grand jury began its investigation.

Rose, in Prison Confesses.

Rose lay in prison twelve days, without word from Becker, and believing his chief had deserted him, confessed. Vallon and Webber corroborated his story. He told of his long association with Becker, of police corruption which existed as Rosenthal had charged, of thousands collected by Becker for police protection and finally of his commission by Becker to arrange to have Rosenthal killed by gunmen—a commission he executed.

That night, July 29, 1912, District Attorney Whitman summoned the grand jury by telephone and telegraph, laid his evidence before it and within two hours obtained the indictment of Becker on a charge of murder.

Four East Side gangsters were indicted as the actual murderers. They had testified that these men were assigned by "Big Jack," Zelig, a gang leader who had been arrested by Becker's men, on a trumped-up charge, to do the murder. They were (Continued on Page 8.)

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