

1200 LIVES LOST IN EASTLAND HORROR RESCUERS CHOPPED WAY THRU HULL TO REACH VICTIMS GERMAN VICTORY OVER RUSSIANS IN BATTLE NEAR SHAVLI

FEW STEAMERS TO CARRY FISH; TRADE DIVERTED

One Result of War is Transfer of Newfoundland Business

COMING TO AMERICA

Shipping Changes Caused by Big Boats Being Taken Off

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., July 24.—The transfer to the U.S. and Canada of a large amount of trade ordinarily carried on between Newfoundland and Great Britain is one of the results of the war. This arises from the changes in the shipping situation. The gradual withdrawal of trans-Atlantic steamers from this port because of the transport needs of the British admiralty and the requirements of the British trade has reached a point where only three small steamers are now plying between St. John's and Liverpool. These are freight vessels of the Furness line, with no passenger accommodations. The latest reduction in service is taking off of the Atlantic steamers which for fifty years have plied between Glasgow, St. John, Halifax and Philadelphia. These ships, the Mongolian, Carthaginian, Pomeranian and Sardinian, are to be transferred to the route between Montreal and British ports. Business men have necessarily made new connections in Canada, and the United States steamers making weekly trips between St. John, Halifax and New York are laden to the hatches.

HAVE TAKEN STEPS TO PROTECT WORKS

Two Armed Guards to Be Placed at Manhattan Bridge

NEW YORK, July 24.—Announcement was made today that two armed guards will be placed on the Brooklyn end of the Manhattan bridge to protect the works of the E. W. Bliss Company, which is manufacturing large quantities of war supplies for European countries, from "cranks" and others. It is feared apparently by officials of the company that some sort of attack may be made on the works. For some time detectives have been patrolling the grounds of the plant which is at Adams and Plymouth streets, Brooklyn, directly under the bridge. The bridge guards, it is stated, will be on duty night and day and are stationed there to frustrate a possible bombardment on the works.

HATS OFF TO ONTARIO'S WHEAT FIELDS!

What looks like the largest wheat crop produced in Ontario for many years is now being harvested all over the province. There is a great increase in spring wheat. The weather tho of an unusually low temperature has brought on the crop, and we do not believe there is a more smiling picture on the whole face of the globe than the wheat fields of Ontario at this moment, nor any sweeter music than the click of the four-horse binder at its work. All that is wanted now is for the rain to withhold for the next fortnight and thus to let every farmer get his reaper to work, his grain stooked, then drawn to the barn. Equally encouraging is the Ontario crop of all other grains and everything points to a bountiful garnering. In spite of the war, in spite of the slow-down in the Canadian west from a real estate and speculative point of view, and of restricted orders from the farmers there, this is to be a great fall for business in Ontario, and the stimulus of this magnificent crop will be felt before the first of September all over the province. And perhaps before long there will be more cheering news from the war front. In the meantime Canadians are trying to keep head up and face to the front. Every citizen of Ontario should take off his hat to the wheat-fields and thank an all-wise Providence that sent them.

PORTER FOUND DEAD INQUEST IS ORDERED

John McLeod, Supposed to Have Died From Heart Failure, But Investigation Will Show

John McLeod, a porter, was found dead in bed at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning at No. 4 St. Joseph street, where he had been staying. On being notified of the death, Chief Coroner Johnson ordered that the body be removed to the morgue and an investigation held. From enquiries made by the chief coroner, it is thought that heart failure was the cause of death, for it was known that McLeod had been ill this last summer.

CONDITION OF CROPS IN WEST PROVINCES

Hail or Rust—Only Factors That Can Adversely Affect Conditions, Says Report

Crops in the three western provinces are in excellent condition, according to a summary of the latest weekly reports of the branch managers of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. The wheat acreage is strong and well headed out, in some places being so heavy that it is almost lying down. The period covered by the reports was one of cool weather and plentiful rains, and the weather generally cloudy to the extent that it continues much longer the crops will be somewhat delayed. Flax is in bloom and oats are well in the shot blade. The general consensus of opinion now seems to be that the only factors which could adversely affect the crop would be hail or rust. General business conditions are reported to be very quiet, there being very little activity in building operations and none at all in real estate. Loans and deposits are about holding steady, but merchants are taking on a more prosperous air and are meeting their wholesale accounts with fair regularity. Implement agents with an eye ahead to the actual harvesting, are busy collecting orders for binder twine and harvesting machinery. One prominent feature of the reports seems to be the more or less general shipping of cattle and hogs to the east. It is noted that prices from abattoirs in this part of the country.

GERMAN BOAT RELOADED.

COPENHAGEN, July 24.—A German mine layer Albatross, which was driven ashore in the recent naval battle in the Baltic off the Gothland coast between German and Russian warships, has been reloaded.

WHITMAN AGAIN CHECKS ATTEMPT TO SAVE BECKER

Convict's Story of Frame-Up Discredited by Governor

GUARDS ARE AT FAULT Gained Admission to Death House by Saying He Was Welfare Worker

ALBANY, N.Y., July 24.—After a two hour's conference with Convict Joseph Murphy of Sing Sing, Governor Whitman announced today that the story told of Murphy overhearing Rose, Weber and Vallon planning to "frame-up" former Police Lieut. Charles Becker was to his mind untrue. Murphy admitted the governor said, that he had talked with Becker in the death house at Sing Sing Prison on the evening of June 29, and that on the following day Murphy had written to Bourke Cochran informing him of overhearing the attempted frame-up. The guards who had permitted Murphy to enter the death cell would be dismissed Monday, the governor said, after verifying the fact that Murphy had talked with Becker by communicating with Warden Osborne at Sing Sing. Murphy gained admittance to the death cell by telling the guards he was a member of the Mutual Welfare League and offering to sing for the condemned men, the governor said. Another evidence of the activity in the case of former Police Lieut. Becker was a visit to the district attorney's office this afternoon of Jack Rose. He was accompanied by his lawyer, Bernard Sandler, and the pair went into conference with District Attorney Perkins.

TURKS DISAPPROVE OF MACHINE GUNS

And Show it by Falling Back in Twenty-Minute Affair

LONDON, July 24.—Official announcement was made today that the Turkish forces at the Dardanelles have made a new attack on the allies and have been repulsed. The text of the statement follows: "Sir Ian Hamilton reports that in the southern section, about 3 p.m. yesterday, the Turks attacked the northern trenches on our left flank. Our front trenches in that neighborhood were shelled rather heavily. "Under cover of the bombardment a small force of Turks dashed for our sapheads. Two of our machine guns at once opened fire and the survivors retired, leaving about 49 dead Turks lying in front of our trenches. Probably more were out of sight, as our shrapnel was effective. The whole affair lasted 20 minutes."

HAVE BEEN MARRIED SIXTY-EIGHT YEARS

The picture which appears in the Art Section of The Sunday World of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Smith wrongly gives their address as "Mandanus avenue, Toronto." Mr. and Mrs. Smith are residents of Mandamin, Ontario. Both are 89 years of age and were married 68 years ago in Perth, Ont., by the Rev. Mr. Bell. They first settled in Wallace Township, removing to Mandamin 48 years ago. They are the parents of 14 children—eight boys and six girls—of whom seven boys and six girls are living, and they are the grandparents of 34 children and of 25 great-grandchildren. June 30, 1915, was the anniversary of their 68th wedding day.

TWELVE HUNDRED OR MORE DEAD IN CHICAGO CATASTROPHE; 500 BODIES TAKEN FROM SHIP'S HULL



The picture was taken within a short distance of where the Eastland sank. It was obtained by The World from Geo. O. Somers of Toronto.

Death List Mounting

CHICAGO, July 24.—At 2.40 this afternoon Coroner Hoffman estimated the number of dead at 1,300. First Deputy Chief of Police Schuetler estimated the number of dead at 1,700.

Russians Defeated at Shavli

BERLIN, July 24, via London, 7 p.m.—The German army, under command of Gen. Von Buelow, has defeated the Russians in a battle near Shavli, according to the official statement, issued today by the war office.

Italians Capture Gorizia

GENEVA, July 24.—Via Paris—A despatch to The Tribune from Milan says: "Many troops arriving at Milan state that after severe fighting the Italian troops have taken Gorizia."

Royal Canadian Decorated

LONDON, July 24.—It was officially announced today that Second Lieut. Hilgrove McCormick, of the Prince of Wales Leinster Regiment (Royal Canadians) has been awarded the Military Cross.

The Arraignment of the Chief Criminal

The United States has now definitely joined with the rest of the English-speaking world against the Kaiser and Prussianism. The two nations have been re-united. The United States has practically joined the much wider host—the allies—who also hold the same view. Austria alone excepted, all civilization—the twentieth century—is against Kaiserism, Prussianism, barbarism. The fight is now, civilization against barbarism. The supreme human struggle in the world's history is rapidly coming into view. And the Kaiser, who has caused this supreme struggle and all the attendant bloodshed, will never be forgiven, never forgotten. Sooner or later he must die in his tracks. The women of the world know what he has cost them, what he is costing them, what he will cost them.

The War Goes Well

The war moved up another stage today when President Wilson's message to Germany was published to the world. The people of the United States recognize that an ultimatum has been sent to Germany and they are behind the president. No more notes will go from Washington to Berlin. If the Kaiser continues his illegal and inhuman warfare upon non-combatants he must get ready to fight the United States. So the whole English-speaking world today is united in condemning the Kaiser and his methods. Altho Mr. Wilson speaks only of outrages upon the high seas the principles for which he stands and which he declares the United States will defend apply to the wanton attack upon Belgium and the atrocities upon her people. The great nations of the world are drawing together, forgetting their past differences in their common peril. Humanity and civilization will not be overthrown. Sometimes the war seems to go slowly, but it moves on to its appointed end. The United States without hate or prejudice has denounced Germany and her methods. The result will be more far-reaching than we are able now to realize. Representing the sentiment of all neutral nations the president voices a world-wide public opinion. That public opinion puts the Kaiser in the outlaw class and will hasten his downfall. The war goes well.

Capt. Harry Pedersen and First Mate Dell Fisher Arrested—Men, Women and Children Fought and Clutched at Each Other to Save Themselves.

CHICAGO, July 24.—Hundreds of persons were drowned today when the steamer Eastland, crowded with 2,500 employees of the Western Electric Co., listed in the Chicago River. Four hours after the accident rescuers were taking bodies from the boat through holes chopped in its hull, and estimates of the death list ran from 1,300 to 1,500. Before noon, 500 dead had been taken out. Crowding of passengers on one side of the boat is supposed to have caused the tragedy, but authorities, not satisfied with these explanations, ordered the arrest of officers of the boat and Captain Harry Pedersen and First Mate Dell Fisher, first mate, were taken to police headquarters. Panic struck the passengers when the boat began to turn over.

Hundreds Struggled. Best accounts of witnesses said the steamer rolled slightly twice then turned further and that hundreds of screaming, struggling men, women and children slid across the sloping decks, fought for room and clutched at companions, deck chairs or any other object that came to hand. Women and children by the hundreds were caught below decks, and the scratched faces, torn clothing and bruised bodies of the dead bore mute evidence of the desperation with which they had fought for life. The steamer turned over in less than five minutes. Hull Turned Over. Members of the crew shouted warnings as the steamer tilted, and endeavored to drive the passengers to the upper side of the deck, but the decline was already too steep. Slowly the great steel hulk turned bottom up, pouring the passengers into the river. The steamer, when relieved of its passengers floated on its side into mid-stream, and tugs, motorboats and other river craft swarmed about it. Firemen climbed on the hull, forced openings in the steel hull and thru these searched the cabins for the drowned. Robert H. McCrery, chief of the marine bureau of the customs office in the federal building, was at the dock from 6.45 with two of his steamboat navigation inspectors. He declared that the exact number of persons on the boat was 2500, that the boat was not overloaded, and that "the passengers could not have been more accurately counted if they had known there would be an accident."

RUSSIANS FACE CRUCIAL BATTLE WITH GERMANS

HUN CORRESPONDENT ADMITS THE STRENGTH OF ADVANCE HAS YET TO BE TESTED

LONDON, July 24.—Reuter's Amsterdam correspondent sent the following received from Berlin: "The war correspondent of The Lokal Anzeiger on the eastern front repeats the warning that while the Russians are being continually pressed back along the entire front, it cannot be concealed that only now the severest battle is about to begin, and we must now see how far we have succeeded in breaking down the strong hostile armies. "The battle for the Russian central positions may be of an extremely varying character," continues The Anzeiger's correspondent. "The Teutonic allies are aware of that, but the battle may also end in the breakdown of the enemy."

British Determination is Reaffirmed in Resolution

LONDON, July 24.—The anniversary of Great Britain's declaration of war on Germany, August 4, will be marked throughout the empire by reaffirmation of the determination of the British peoples to continue the struggle unwaveringly. The pledge will be embodied in the following resolution, approved by Premier Asquith: "That on this anniversary of a declaration of a righteous war, this meeting of citizens of . . . records its inflexible determination to continue to a victorious end the struggle for the maintenance of those ideals of liberty and justice which are the common and sacred cause of the allies."

FURTHER WAR ORDERS NEEDED IN HAMILTON

HAMILTON, July 24.—Unless further war orders are promptly forthcoming many employes in Hamilton and other Canadian cities will be thrown out of employment, it was announced today. Several firms have cleaned up their orders. It was stated that in the saddlery trade alone 20,000 people in the Dominion would be affected unless new business is secured. The board of trade recently discussed this matter and advised Hon. A. E. Kemp, who is looking after war orders, of the situation. In many cases manufacturers have gone to much expense installing additional machinery to meet the requirements and also have gone to much trouble organizing staffs.

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