

# Mr. Fujita's Scrapbook

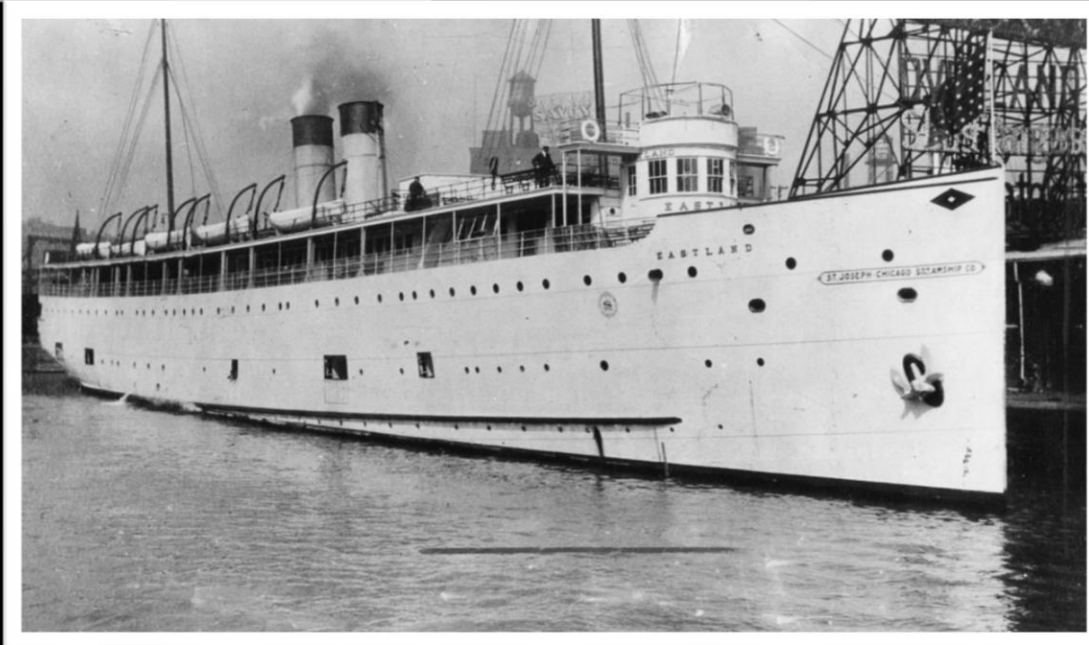
This digital scrapbook of the Eastland Disaster is named for Mr. Jun Fujita, the *Chicago Evening Post* photographer who compiled his own scrapbook from the hundreds of images he captured.





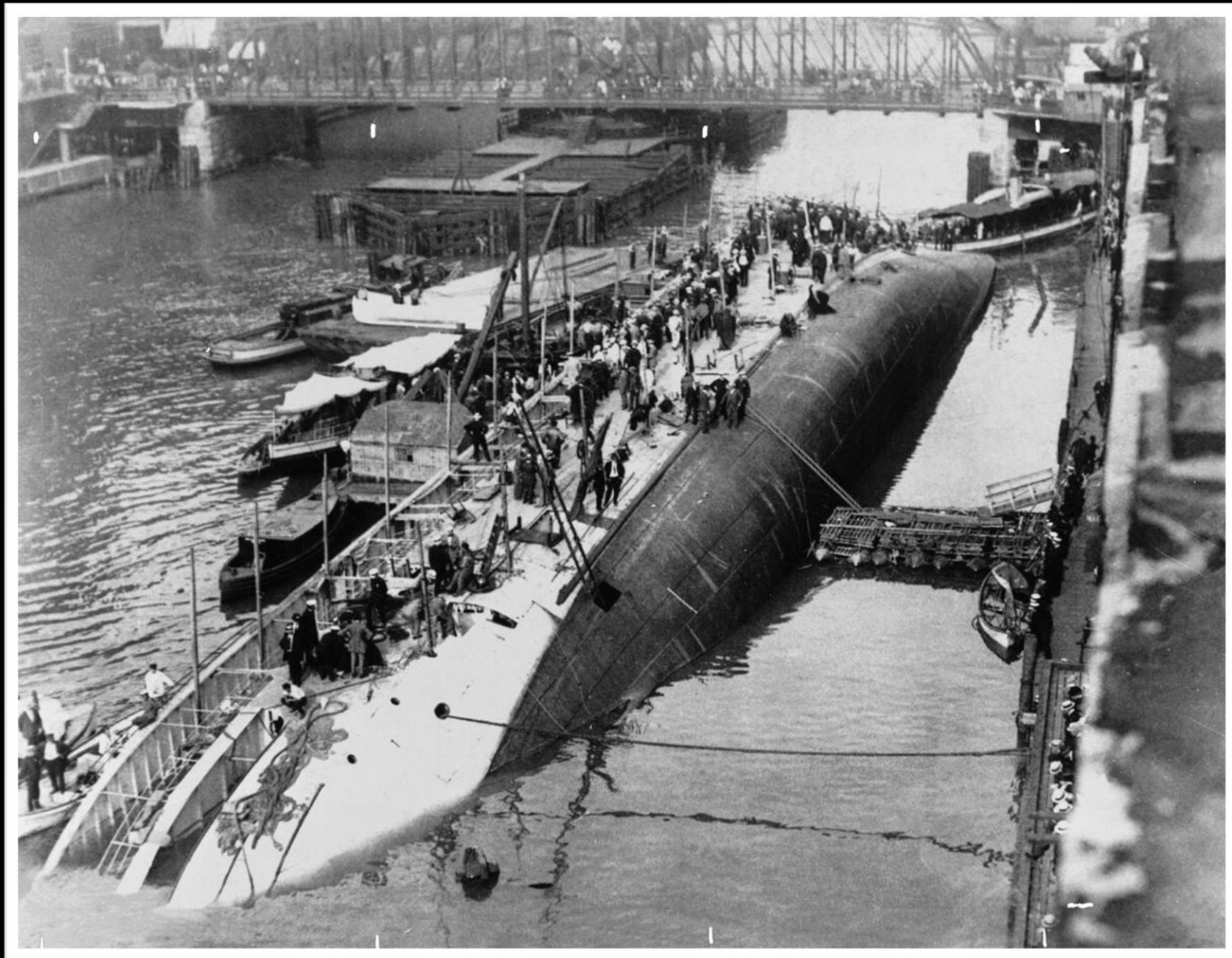
SS Eastland

Hawthorne Works plant of Western Electric. Cicero, IL. These employees planned their 5th annual picnic for July 1915.



INDIANA TRANSPORTATION CO.		1621
MICHIGAN CITY-CHICAGO ROUTE		
PLEASANT SHORT TRIPS		
GOOD FOR ONE PASSAGE To Michigan City, Ind. and Return		
FIFTH ANNUAL LAKE EXCURSION AND PICNIC GIVEN UNDER THE AUSPICES OF Hawthorne Works Employees WESTERN ELECTRIC CO. SATURDAY, JULY 24, 1915		
<small>This Company reserves the right to refuse to honor this ticket if any conditions under which it is issued are violated or occasion demands. Void if sold on street or docks.</small> <small>RETURN COUPON Good only on above date, and on steamer leaving Michigan City at 4:15 and 7:00 p. m.</small> <small>This ticket sold subject to any account weather or unforeseen conditions. Time card subject change without notice.</small> <small>Not good for return trip if bought from scalper at Michigan City.</small>		
205	<small>NOT TRANSFERABLE.</small> <i>H. A. Lamborn</i> General Manager.	
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<small>GOING COUPON. Good only on above date and on steamer leaving Indiana Transportation Co.'s Docks South and Clark St. Bridge at 8:00 a. m. Here</small>		
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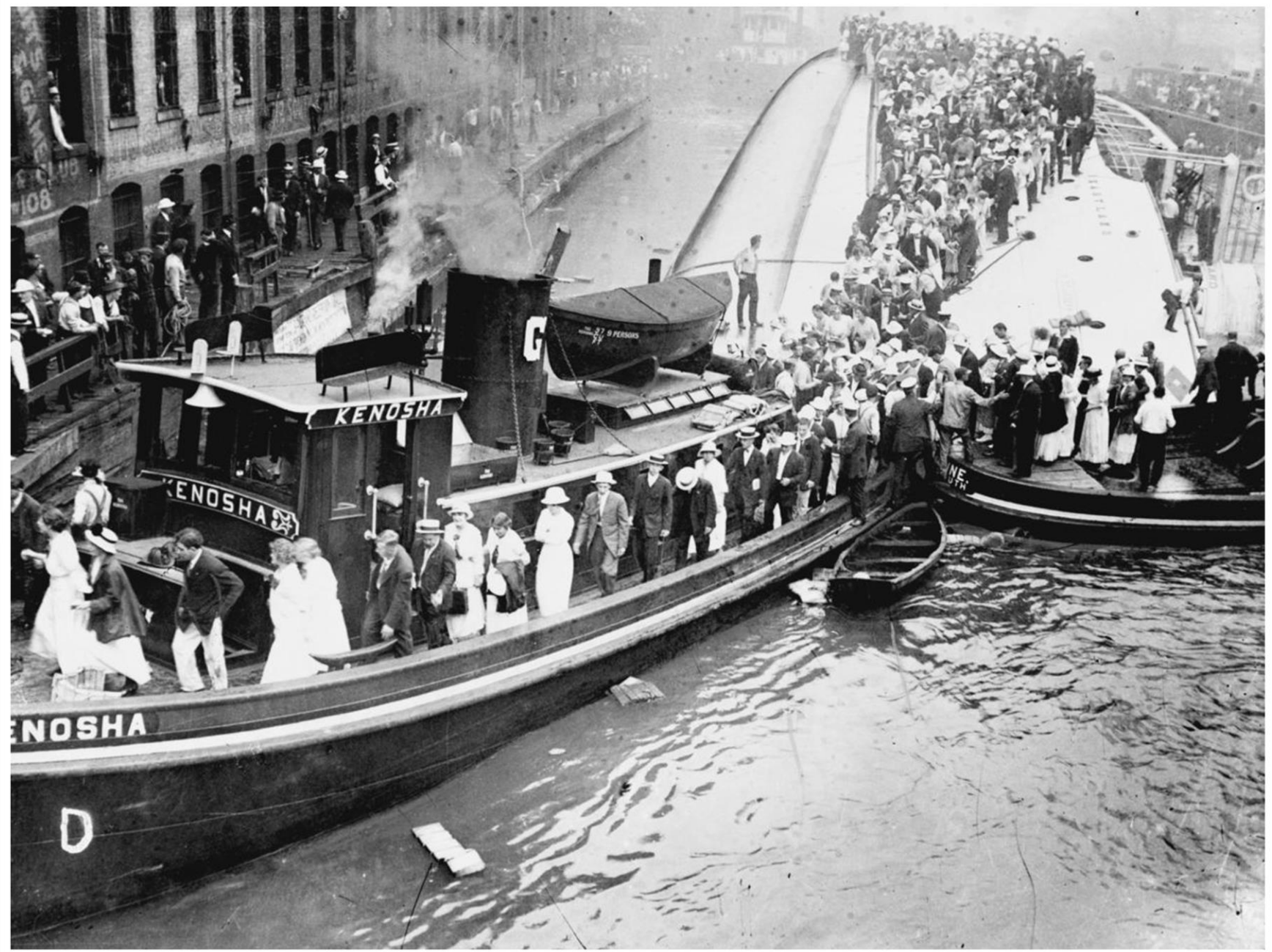
Ticket for Excursion



*On July 24,  
1915, the  
Eastland  
tipped over in  
minutes, still  
tied to the  
dock in the  
Chicago River.*

Photo courtesy: Chicago Tribune

There had been  
2500 souls  
aboard. The lucky  
ones walked off  
the ship and onto  
the tugboat  
Kenosha, which  
was used as a  
bridge to the  
wharf.





The Reid Murdoch building, shown in the background, was used as a temporary morgue.

It was raining.  
They threw  
ashes on the  
hull so they  
wouldn't  
slip while  
trying to  
rescue  
people from  
holes cut  
into the  
steel.



Photo courtesy: Eastland Disaster Historical Society



*An information bureau was set up on North Clark Street.*

*Survivors and  
onlookers were  
stunned.*



Photo courtesy: Chicago Tribune





*Divers were brought in to rescue and recover bodies.*

Photo courtesy: Getty/Chicago History Museum

*A rescuer  
on the  
interior  
of the  
ship.*



Photo credit: Jun Fujita



*Diver and  
onlookers  
inside ship.  
This is the  
promenade  
deck.*

Fireman  
Leonard Olsen  
holds the  
recovered  
body of a  
child.

His expression  
says it all.





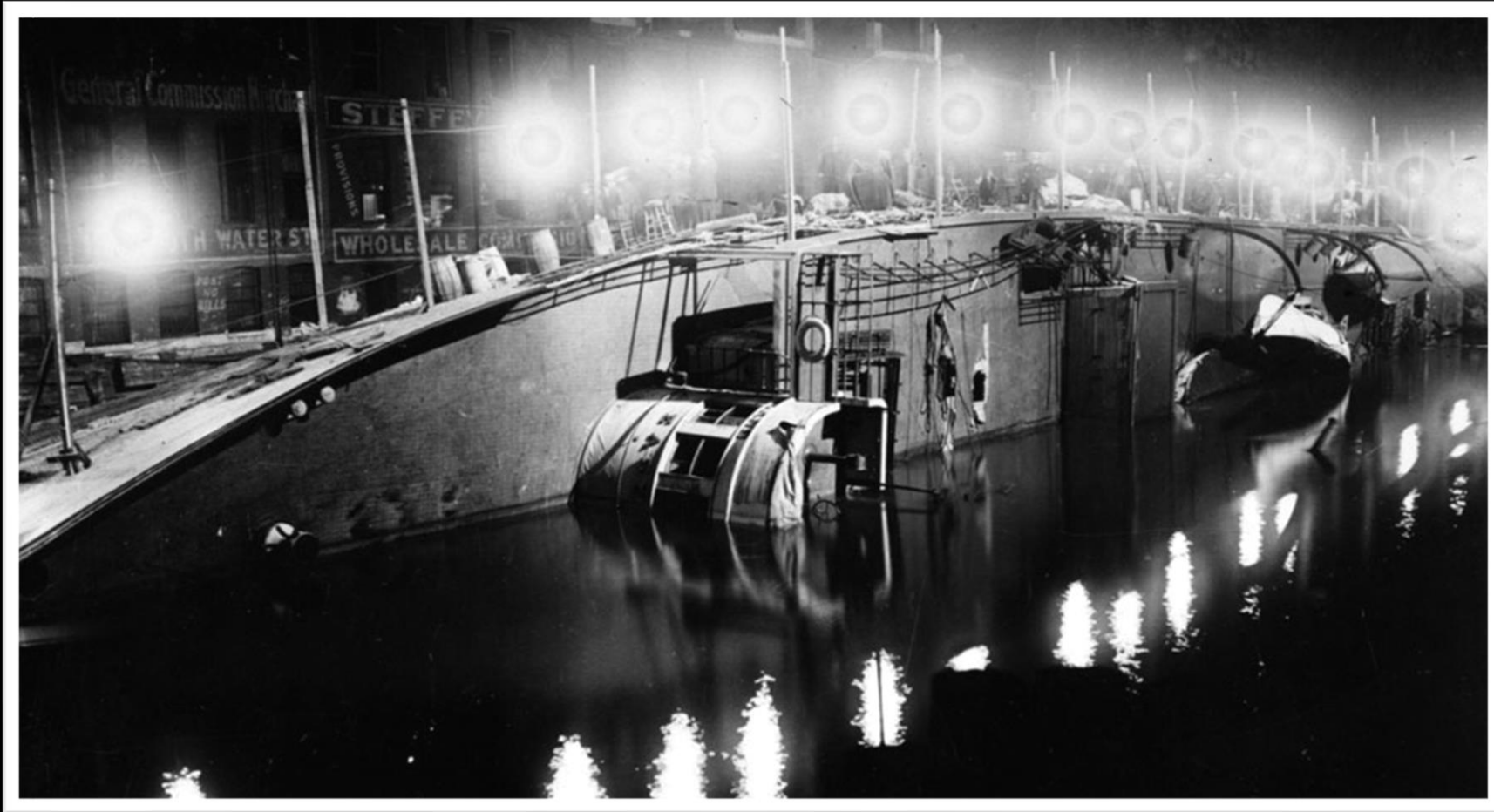
*Too late.*

Photo credit: Jun Fujita

*Watching  
and  
listening for  
signs of life.*



Photo credit: Jun Fujita



*Recovery efforts by night.*

Photo courtesy: Eastland Disaster Historical Society

All seven members of the Sindelar family perished.

Western Electric Report

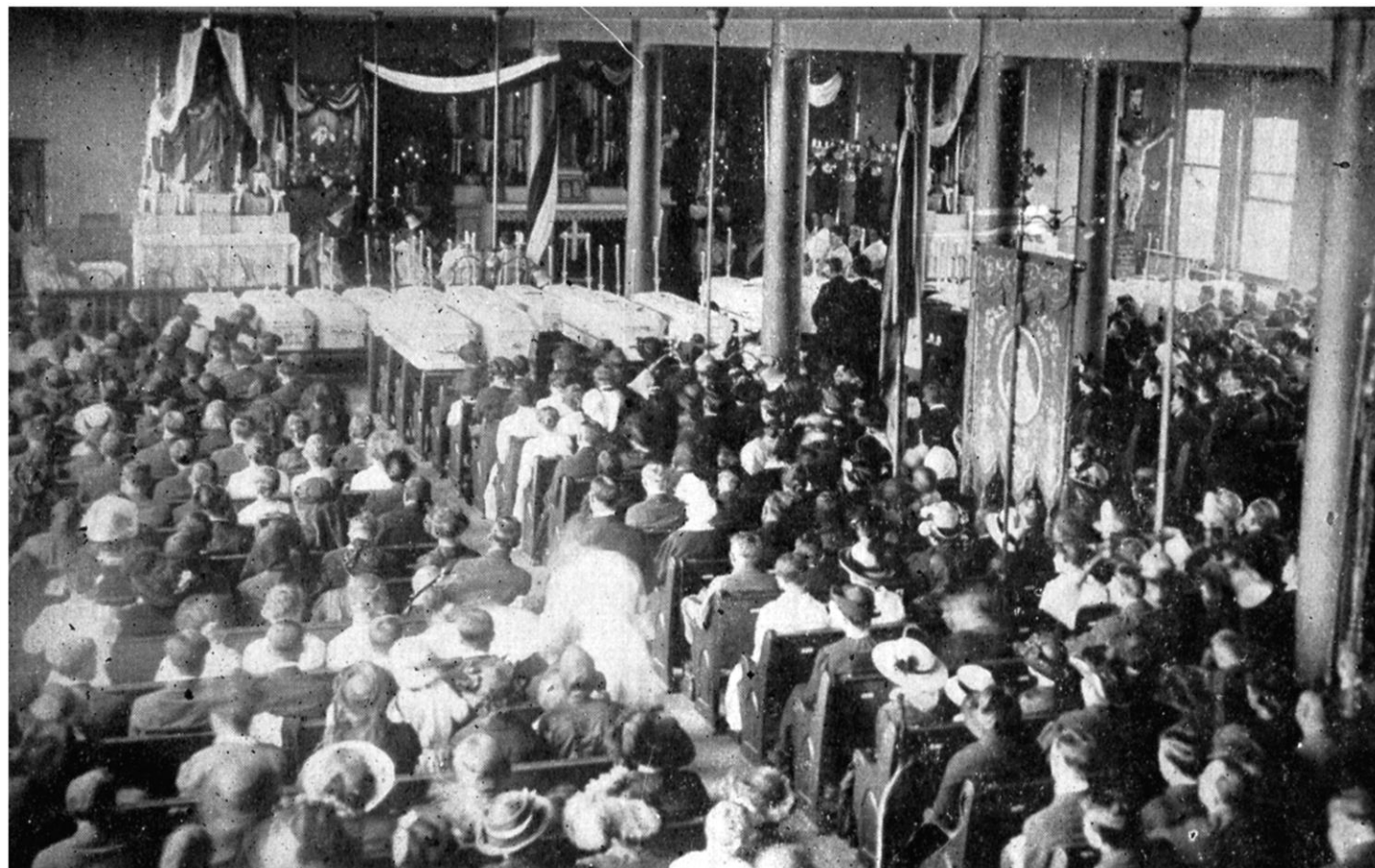
69. EASTLAND DISASTER

NAME	VICTIMS						NAME
	DEPT. NO.	SERVICE	AVERAGE EARNINGS	RELATIONSHIP	AGE	COUNTRY OF BIRTH	
Ziervogel, Emil	2224	6Y	21.29	Husband	31	U.S.A.	Ziervogel, Bertha " Clarence " Eleanor " Loraine
Zitt, Charles	2372	2Y-11M	12.00	Son	23	U.S.A.	Harkins, J. H. " J. H., Mrs. " William " George " Edward " Edna
Zobac, Edward J. " Anna Jelinek, Blanche	2336	4Y	15.00	Husband Wife Sister-in-law.	25 25	U.S.A. "	Zobac, Violet " Harold
Zopke, Metha " Helwig Pittlekow, Lena				Sister " Sister-in-law.	23 20 21	U.S.A. " "	Zopke, William
	2332	2Y-9M	10.50	Brother	26	U.S.A.	Hallas, Thomas
							Daughter Son
							2 5M
							398.00 50.00
	2376	15Y	16.00	Brother	32		285.00
	2332	2Y	14.00	Brother	27		200.00 35.00
							39.30 45.45



Photo courtesy: Eastland Disaster Historical Society





*A mass funeral.*

Photo courtesy: Eastland Disaster Historical Society

## Red Cross Report

### EASTLAND DISASTER

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No. 749. (Polish.) Husband, 25; wife, 25; daughter, 1; infant son. Insurance, \$1,000.

Husband and wife were drowned together. The husband had been an employe of the Western Electric Company at a salary of \$13 a week. An aunt was made guardian of the children, and one was placed with each of two married brothers of the husband. The life insurance money was placed in probate and the gift money placed in trust, to be paid \$12.50 a month to each brother for the care of the children.

Emergency relief and benefit by the Western Electric Company, \$448. Eastland Fund gift, \$2,675.

### GROUP A — II.

(Loss of Brother or Sister)

No. 52. (German.) Brother, 25; sister, 25; sister, 20; niece, 11. Real estate, \$5,000; insurance, \$210; mortgage, \$2,200.

A single man, employed by the Western Electric Company, was killed. He and his two sisters, one of whom also was employed by the Western Electric Company, had been supporting their young niece. An unmarried brother, living away, had helped at times, but the income was so insufficient that the elder sister had been drawing on her savings from previous employment. They lived in the basement of property they owned, but the income from rents barely paid interest and taxes.

Western Electric Company emergency relief and \$198.25. Eastland Fund gift of \$500.

No. 69. (Bohemian.) Brother, 31; sister, 27; brother, 16. Insurance, \$326.80.

A young man was killed. He and his brother had both been employed by the Western Electric Company, and the sister was also a wage-earner. It is expected that survivors would still be receiving relief.

# 919 BODIES RECOVERED

## TOTAL EASTLAND VICTIMS MAY REACH 1,200

**NATION, STATE, AND CITY JOIN TO PLACE GUILT**

'Avarice and Graft' Hinted by Hoyne as Cause of Disaster.

**UNDER ARREST.**

See page 5 for the most tremendous, described list of unidentified dead ever compiled in America.

**FUND FOR FAMILIES OF THE VICTIMS.**

"The Tribune" announces the opening of a public fund for the bereaved families of the dead victims. "The Tribune" hereby subscribes \$1,000 as a start for this fund. Further gifts to this fund will be recorded at "The Tribune" office.

**GOV. DUNNETELEGRAPHS MESSAGE OF SYMPATHY.**

Exposition Grounds, San Francisco, Cal., July 24.—(Editor of The Tribune): I am grieved beyond expression to hear of the awful calamity that has befallen so many Illinoisans in the Eastland disaster. My profound sympathy goes to the relatives of the unfortunate victims.  
 EDWARD F. DUNNE.

**LIST OF IDENTIFIED DEAD**

- |  |   |   |   |   |   |
|--|---|---|---|---|---|
| ADAMA, GEORGE, 12 years old, 1238 E. Adams St., Chicago. | ADAMSON, ALBERT, 201 E. North St., Chicago. | ADAMSON, ANNA, his wife, same address.      | ADAMSON, MOLLIE, their child, same address. | ADAMSON, MOLLIE, their child, same address. | ADAMSON, MOLLIE, their child, same address. |
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**BOAT OVERTURNING BLAMED ON MISTAKE; OFFICERS ACCUSED**

Error or Oversight Explains Listing and Tipping of Eastland at Clark Street Docks as Orchestra Plays.

Rescuers Work All Night Erling Out Bodies of Imprisoned Picnickers Who Were Suffocated or Drowned in Greatest Marine Catastrophe.

"Somebody made a big mistake!" Five words serve to epitomize the official summing up of the Eastland tragedy as a half dozen investigating agencies close in on the mysterious somebodies.  
 "Somebody made a big mistake"—what will take rank as one of the big mistakes of history—and the placid, shallow, narrow, still-water Chicago river folded to its bosom perhaps as many human beings as ever were caught in the great tragedy of modern times.

**THE METROPOLITAN LIFE INSURANCE CO. OF NEW YORK**

EXTENDS SYMPATHY TO THE SUFFERERS THROUGH THE EASTLAND DISASTER

The "Metropolitan," always foremost in serving the public, has already paid all Eastland death claims so far presented.

The Metropolitan has hundreds of thousands of policies in force in the City of Chicago, and desiring to make immediate settlement, suggests that claimants promptly notify the nearest District Office, where every assistance will be given them and claims adjusted without delay.

**CHICAGO OFFICES**  
 4004 WEST 12TH STREET, Phone, Kedzie 1979  
 (For Clearer and Vicinity)

604 W. North Ave.—Phone.....	Lincoln 16	} Drexel 8236
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963 Belmont Ave.—Phone.....	Lake View 5222	
4759 Broadway—Phone.....	Edgewater 5293	} So. Chicago 1862
235 W. 63rd St.—Phone.....	Normal 1103	
	49 E. 47th St.—Phone.....	Oak Park 723
	Conway Bldg., Washington and Clark—Phone.....	
	9117 Commercial Ave.—Phone.....	
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**The Metropolitan Has Assets of Over \$500,000,000**

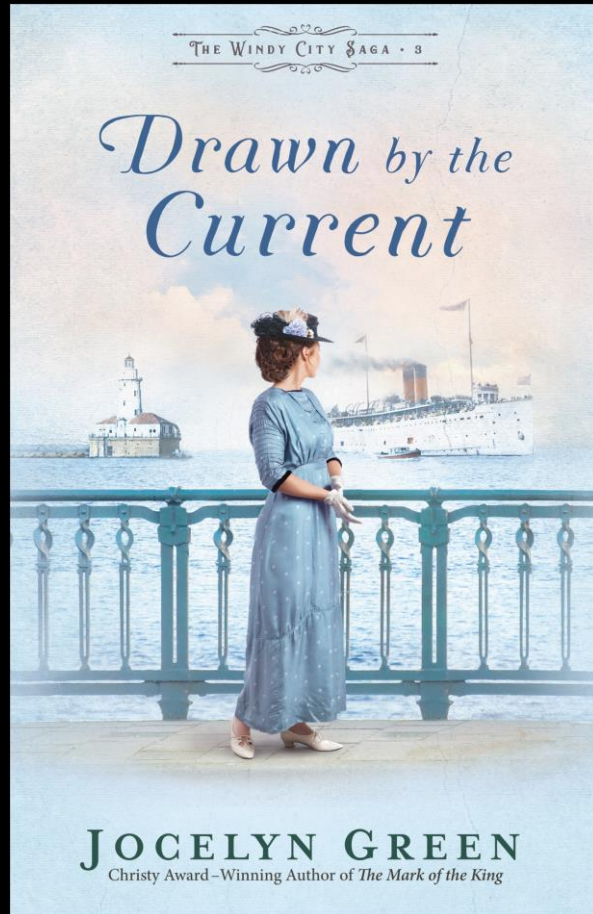
[\*Historical note: It was later learned that 844 people perished in the Eastland Disaster.]

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