

DENTON MADDOX KILLED BY AUTO

Five Year Old Son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Maddox Dies From Injuries.

SKULL WAS FRACTURED

Was On Way Home From Picnic When Car Driven By Ed Patterson Struck Him at Intersection East of the City.

ACCIDENT UNAVOIDABLE.

After due consideration the jury empaneled for the coroner's inquest over the body of Denton Maddox, returned a verdict of unavoidable accident and exonerated the driver of the car of any blame which might be attached. The jury denounced the condition of the road which is so obscured at the scene of the accident that a vision of the east approach to the corner cannot be obtained. The jury agreed that the car could not have been traveling at an excessive rate of speed, for if such had been the case the quick and hard application of the brakes would have resulted in skidding of the machine, which did not occur.

Denton Maddox, the five-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Maddox, was killed at 6:10 Saturday evening when he was run over by the auto driven by Ed Patterson and occupied by J. L. Chambers and Albert Bashford. The boy's skull was fractured, his left leg broken above the knee, and several other bruises and injuries inflicted. He lived for 12 hours and died at about 7 o'clock Sunday morning at Mercy hospital.

The accident occurred on the road intersection near the county home, just past the Deer creek bridge, and had the auto not been traveling at a slow rate of speed doubtless several other children would have been hurt or injured, as a large party of children, together with their parents, were walking in the roadway on the way home from a picnic at the fair grounds.

Mr. Patterson was driving his car out the Second avenue road and on approaching the corner mentioned to Albert Bashford, who was in the car with him, that the county should not allow such a blind, dangerous corner to exist. He asked Mr. Chambers the time and the latter taking out his watch stated that it was 6:10. As the car swept around the corner it met the party, consisting of eight or ten children and their mothers, directly in the road. Mr. Patterson applied the brakes and it appeared for an instant, spectators state, as if all of the children were out of danger. It is said that a little girl reached out to seize Denton, who was the nearest to the auto, and that he turned from her and ran squarely in front of the car, the fender knocking him to the ground and the wheels passing over his head and leg.

The driver stopped the car so quickly that the body was less than eight feet from the rear wheel and Mr. Chambers was the first to reach the injured boy. The car was immediately turned around and with the boy and his mother the occupants stayed for the city at breakfast speed.

The lad was taken to the office of Dr. Stewart and then to Mercy hospital, where an examination was made. It was found that the lad's skull was fractured, his leg broken and his body generally bruised and scratched. In spite of every possible medical effort he died Sunday morning.

An inquest to determine the facts in the case was held this morning at 9:30 at the Roseburg undertaking parlors, there being a number of witnesses to examine.

From the evidence introduced, the party of children was divided, a portion being on the south side of the road and Mrs. Maddox and Mrs. Bowden, the chaperones, and other children on the north side. Little Denton had been walking on the south side. As the car came around the corner he had started over to the north side and as the machine approached one of the girls called to him and attempted to reach him. He half turned and was standing almost in the center of the road when the fender of the machine struck him.

Witnesses disagreed regarding whether or not more than one wheel passed over the body, but from the nature of the injuries it would appear that two wheels struck him.

Regarding the speed of the car there was a great deal of disagreement. The occupants of the machine testified that it was traveling not faster than eight miles an hour. It was stated that the engine was not working good and had been throttled down until it was jerking the car. The fence and telephone pole at the corner completely obscured the road

AVIATORS DUE TONIGHT.

Cadet Heyers and Observer Davidson, who were the occupants of the forest patrol plane wrecked in the Umpqua forest, were scheduled to arrive in Glendale this afternoon and should be in Roseburg tonight. They expect to return to Medford at once and resume their work with the forest patrol. They have made the trip in from Big Camas by pack team.

Wheat Yield Throughout Nation Will Doubtless Exceed Annual Average Production, But Is Believed Below 1920 Crop.

According to a report compiled by P. L. Kamm, Oregon field agent for the United States department of agriculture, crop conditions in the state are not far below normal, and in some sections of Oregon the wheat yield will be up to the annual average. The June rains are given due credit for this splendid prospect, as the precipitation was general all over the state. In Douglas county crop conditions are estimated at 100 per cent on oats, 100 on both barley and hay. Potatoes are rated at 95 per cent normal, winter and spring wheat at 95 per cent. In this county the precipitation for June was only .86 of an inch. In some of the western Oregon counties three inches of rain were had during the month. According to the report, which also deals with conditions throughout the nation, there will be practically a normal crop of most cereals, doubtless above the annual average, but less than the production of 1920. The survey says:

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THROWN INTO WINDSHIELD

Jean Ward, the 22 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ray Ward, sustained a painful and severe accident Saturday night when she was thrown into the windshield of the car driven by her father, when it collided with the motorcycle driven by Marlon Lilly. The little girl was seated beside her father and when the machine struck, she was thrown forward with such violence that the force of her head striking the windshield, shattered it, inflicting numerous cuts about her face and head. Her arm and forehead were also badly bruised. She was treated by Dr. Leibrach, and taken to her home in North Roseburg, and is quite ill, although her condition is improving somewhat today.

WILL BE IN CITY.

A. L. Westgard, the official Pathfinder of the National Park to Park highway tour will be in Roseburg about July 24th. The pathfinding tour will be completed by August 20th, and the official party will leave Denver, Colo., on August 25th. Mr. Westgard will only be in Roseburg a short time according to information received from Denver today and the local Chamber of Commerce officials will meet him.

CROP CONDITIONS IN COUNTY GOOD

Survey by United States Field Representative Show Situation About Normal.

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BLOW OPEN BANK AND THE ARMORIES

Communist Labor Party Alleged to Advocate Violence Overthrow Government.

HUNS DELAY PAYMENT

Plans Laid to Secure Reductions in Allies' Demands—Loyal Irish Will Fight the Sinn Feiners, Declares Carson.

(By Associated Press.)

CHICAGO, July 12.—That the communist labor party would attempt to overthrow the government by armed force, blow open the banks and armories in order to secure money and munitions for conducting the revolution, was declared here today by Attorney Lloyd D. Heth. The speech of the attorney in the trial of William B. Lloyd, a millionaire member of the communist labor party, and Heth alleged that he would prove Lloyd and associates were implicated.

Ultimatum served.

SPA, July 12.—The allied premiers today served an ultimatum on the German delegation to the conference here late today, informing them that Germany must agree by 3 o'clock tomorrow afternoon to deliver to the allies 2,000,000 tons of coal monthly. Otherwise, the German representatives were informed, the allies will take measures to enforce the terms of the treaty.

Germans Plead Poverty.

SPA, July 12.—A statement outlining the Berlin government's plans for payment of reparations demanded by the allies was submitted to the entente premiers last night, and it was claimed that Germany can fulfill her future engagements only if they are based on her financial capacity to pay. The German budget must balance, the statement insisted, or there would necessarily follow rapid increase in the floating debt and consequent inflation that would neutralize her ability to meet the demands of the allies.

Conference Halted.

SPA, July 12.—The conference between the German and allied representatives was brought to a temporary halt this morning by the coal situation. The allied premiers were unable to finish their work in time for the general conference. The allied premiers, it appeared, are not very favorably impressed with the German plan for paying reparations. If this fails finally, the Germans are understood to have another plan or amendment of much greater importance than the arrangement under consideration.

No Special Session.

RUTLAND, Vt., July 12.—Governor Percival W. Clement today issued a proclamation refusing to call the legislature in special session to make possible the ratification of the woman suffrage amendment.

Will Complete Speech.

MARION, Ind., July 12.—Preparatory to going into session for the purpose of completing his formal speech accepting the republican presidential nomination, Warren Harding, of Ohio, faced a strenuous day in fulfilling a number of engagements scheduled. His first conference was with Senator Cummins, of Iowa. Transportation and the high cost of living were among the problems discussed by Harding and Cummins today.

Candidates Busy.

COLUMBUS, July 12.—Governor Cox, democratic nominee for president, arrived here from his home at Dayton this morning, prepared to resume his duties at the executive offices. This afternoon the governor is scheduled to confer with Franklin D. Roosevelt, his running mate, who expects to stop off at Columbus for a few hours enroute to Washington.

Fight Sein Fein.

LONDON, July 12.—Sir Edward Carson, Ulster unionist leader, declared today that in the face of what he described as inability of the government to protect Ulster against the "coincisions of the Sein Fein, we will reorganize in our own defense the volunteers who have given us so much splendid help in maintain the empire during the war."

Villa Bottled Up.

MEXICO CITY, July 12.—Honor Joaquin Amara has Francisco Villa, the revolutionary bandit leader in Chihuahua, bottled up, following an encounter near Parol, in which 500 rebels and 300 federalists participated, according to General P. Elias Calles, war minister, who gave out the report today.

Not Whether, But How.

CHICAGO, July 12.—The formation of a new party is no longer a question of whether, but of how, Arthur A. Haves, chairman of the conference committee representing the conferring factions, told the committee at forty-eight today. The statement was made in representing the first report of the conference to the committee.

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STRANGE MURDER CASE BAFFLING

Having Every Element of the Sensational Murder Case Detectives Work Vainly.

THE SLAYER NOT FOUND

Wealthy Sport Follower Dies At The Hand of Unknown Assassin and Police Fail to Find a Very Satisfactory Clue.

(By Associated Press.)

NEW YORK, July 12.—Every element of the classic detective tale has appeared in its most dramatic setting in the Elwell case, which since June 11 has defied solution by the foremost sleuths in the country. Wealth, divorce, the glitter of Broadway night life, beautiful women gowning for the ball, the race track, the gaming table and, far removed from the frenzied whirl of the "bright lights" the dotting parents in their vine covered cottage in the country—all these have been woven and interwoven into what has been pronounced by detectives, the deepest mystery of years.

In its most sinister guise, murder at the hands of an unknown and unsuspected assassin, death came to Joseph Browne Elwell, in middle age when his most engrossing cares were the anxiety over a favorite racing horse, some intricacy of his ruling passion, bridge, whist, or an after theatre engagement with "the woman in black" or the "lady in gray."

Still breathing, though a large calib bullet had touched through his brain, Elwell was discovered at 8:30 on the morning of June 11 clad in his pajamas, and slumped down in a chair against the wall of the reception room on the first floor of his three story house in West 70th street and died several hours later without speaking a word which might betray the identity of his slayer.

He was found by Mrs. Marie Larsen, Elwell's housekeeper, arriving for her daily work of tidying up the house. On a table at his side were several letters, one of which was from a racing associate and had been removed from the envelope. The letters had been delivered by the postman at 7:35.

There was no weapon, no footprint, no evidence of a struggle, no possible evidence except a .45 calibre shell such as is ejected from an automatic pistol of the army type, and the stub of a cigarette different from those Elwell habitually smoked and the doors and windows were securely locked.

Experts declared that the suicide theory was untenable because Elwell could not have held the fatal pistol far enough from his head to avoid powder burns, even were it possible to account for the disappearance of the weapon. There were no powder marks on the dying man's forehead.

As soon as the idea of self destruction was rejected the man hunt started. Its ramifications extended all over the country, into every circle of society and for years back in the dead man's past. Every relative, every friend, every casual acquaintance and servant, everyone who had ever seen the dead turfman was found and examined. Every possible motive for his killing were explored. Love affairs long buried were exhumed and the principals grilled to elicit a motive for a crime. Every trait or suspected enemy was probed. All led to the same end, a wealth of information about the dead man's leisurely life, his reputation for a suave good nature and his conquests of women's hearts, but no light on the crime itself.

The known facts of how Elwell spent the night before his death are few. During the early evening he was one of a dinner party at a large hotel. Other guests were Mr. and Mrs. Lewishohn, Miss Viola Krues and a south American journalist who met Elwell for the first time that evening. At a nearby table sat Victor Von Schlegel, the divorced husband of Miss Krues, and Miss Emily Hone Anderson, a singer whose home is in Minneapolis.

All who were present afterward said that there was no show of ill feeling between Elwell and Von Schlegel, though they brushed shoulders on the dance floor, several times with Von Schlegel's former wife dancing with the sportsman.

After leaving the hotel the Lewishohn party, including Elwell, went to a roof garden, where they stayed until 1:30 when all left and Elwell was seen to start toward his home on foot. Hero ends all unassailable evidence of the murder victims movements. A man told the investigators that he had seen Elwell and a woman in an upper Broadway dance hall at a much later hour. A neighbor claimed to have seen Elwell driven home by a man in a racing car at 2:30. A taxi driver asserted he had driven the sportsman home directly after he left the Lewishohn party.

More important evidence seemed to lie in the statements of Margaret Estier, a telephone operator, who declares she tried to put through

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MARKET HOLDS STEADY.

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PORTLAND, July 12.—Cattle are holding firmer on the market here today, choice grass fattened steers bringing 10 to 10 1/2 cents. Hogs are quoted at from 16 1/2 to 16 3/4 cents. Sheep are reported firm, spring lambs commanding 19 to 19 1/2 cents. Lambs from east of the mountains are bringing 11 to 11 1/2 cents. Butter is unchanged. Eggs are firm, the buying price holding at 39 cents.

WILL NOT DESERT BROTHERHOODS FOR OUTLAW ORGANIZATION OF CHICAGO.

MEETING IS HELD

Speaker is Given to Understand That Roseburg Railroad Workers Will Stick by Brotherhoods, Not Go to Wildcat Unions.

At a mass meeting held at the Maccabee hall Saturday evening, the railroad laborers of Roseburg emphatically declared their loyalty to the brotherhoods that now represent them and declared in certain terms their determination to shun any radical organization not approved or sponsored by the Brotherhood organizations. The meeting was called by an organizer for the Chicago Yardmen's association, the "outlaw" union which recently promoted a strike which completely tied up transportation in the middle west. The strike, however, was unsuccessful and the organization is now endeavoring to extend its scope and obtain new members for another attempt to force the labor board and other boards to recognize it as a legitimate union.

The meeting was attended by a representative audience and the speaker was introduced by Conductor Frank Monroe, who served as chairman of the meeting. The purpose of the union, the speaker explained, was to get all classes of railroad labor into one big union which is to administer the affairs of all employees. This union plan absorbs all small unions, and if adopted would result in the amalgamation of all classes of labor into one body, which, according to its promoters, be invincible.

The speaker explained his plan at length and went into details, recounting the history of the organization and the achievements attained up to the present time. At the conclusion of the meeting a motion to join the union was voted down by acclamation, and the speaker given to understand that labor in Roseburg is not to be led off into such ways.

"Activators will find that railroad men in Roseburg are loyal to the Brotherhoods," said a local worker today in discussing the meeting. "We have found that our organizations have obtained results in the past. They are recognized by the government, by the companies and by the labor boards and are in a position to handle our affairs much better than any wildcat organization which is not recognized and is radical in purpose. Our Brotherhoods are now placing our proposed wage schedules before the labor board, with good changes for a liberal advancement. The 'outlaws' were unable to get a hearing with the labor board and went unrecognized. We will stick by our Brotherhoods and agitators will receive a cold shoulder in Roseburg."

Girl Arrested For Theft of Ring

Mary James, 18-year-old girl of this city, was arrested Saturday night on a warrant for disorderly conduct issued from the city court, the crime primarily being theft of a diamond ring and several dollars in money from Jim Tyson. Mr. Tyson went swimming yesterday afternoon and left his clothes on the bank where he could watch them. While in the water he saw Miss James near the clothing, but did not suspect that she had removed anything from their pockets. Upon dressing he found that a diamond ring worth \$250, and about \$5 in cash had been taken. A pocketbook containing about \$200 had been overlooked. He suspected the girl and notified the officers. She promised to return the articles, but upon failing to do so she was arrested on a warrant issued from the city court. The arrest was made by Officers Webb and Shambrook, and accompanied by the policeman the girl went to the swimming hole, where she unearthed the articles from the sand. Although not a juvenile, she was turned over to Miss Agnes Pitelford and will probably be placed in a detention home for girls.

Last Shipment of Berries Sent Out

HOOD RIVER, Ore., July 10.—The last shipment of strawberries of the season is expected to go out this week from the Hood River produce exchange. The crop has been running about 2000 crates a day for three weeks.

SHOOTER FALLS TO DEATH.

NIAGARA FALLS, July 11.—Charles George Stephens, 53, a native of Bristol, Eng., gambled with death here today and lost. He was killed while plunging over the horseshoe falls in a barrel. His body was not recovered. Pieces of the barrel were recovered three hours after the fatal ride over the 158 foot cataract and it was evident that it had been dashed to pieces on the rocks.

Fearing he would be stopped by the authorities, Stephens preserved the greatest secrecy about his plans. He went from Toronto, Ont., to Hamilton last night, registered at a hotel under the name of W. J. Landon and continued the trip to Niagara Falls Ont. by automobile this morning. Stephens is survived by a wife and 11 children who reside in England.

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