

LOS ANGELES NEAR MILLION

(By I. N. S.)
LOS ANGELES, Aug. 15.—Declaring in his annual report that the population of Los Angeles is now 900,000 residents and that more requests for street and other civic improvements have showered his office than at any other time, City Engineer Griffin has based surprising figures to the Board of Public Works.

The population of Los Angeles has increased 50 per cent during the last year and has grown from 575,450, in 1920, to 900,000, or an increase in that short time of 57 per cent, Griffin's report stated.

Engineer Griffin summarized the past year's business in his department as follows:

Square miles annexed to city, 14.75.
Plans, maps and profiles filed, 2,345.

Miles scarifying and oiling of the streets asked, 282.
Miles street pavement asked, 128.75.

Miles grading and oiling asked, 34.95.
Miles curbs, sidewalks and gutters asked, 18.40.

Street improvement ordinances submitted, 191 (132 during 1922).
Street improvements completed during 1922, \$3,696,752.36.

Miles of streets improved, 33.15.
Miles improved with curbs, sidewalks, etc., 44.41.

Of the city's 5,261.13 miles of streets, 1,823.63 miles remain unimproved.

In 1922 5.6 miles of storm drains costing \$121,435, was built.

Miles of sanitary sewers built, \$2.1, costing \$842,884.63.

BULGARIANS SLAY AGENT OF LENINE

(By N. E. A.)
SOFIA, Aug. 15.—One of the latest victims of the disturbances incident to the overthrow of the Stambolisky regime in Bulgaria is M. Stolepudin, the general agent in Bulgaria for the Russian Bolshevik Red Cross organization. Stolepudin's body was found

in a vineyard near Plevena. He had been stabbed to death and his body literally hacked to pieces by the knives of his assassins.

The belief is general that Stolepudin was the victim of the vengeance of anti-Bolshevik Russians in Bulgaria. He was said to have prosecuted many Russians opposed to the Bolshevik regime who have found asylum in Bulgaria.

Operating as chief agent of Lenin in Bulgaria, Stolepudin is said to have had control of large sums of money and an effective organization. He is charged with having used his position in an attempt to intimidate Russian Russians into joining the Bolshevik cause. M. Stambolisky, the slain Premier, is declared to have been friendly to Stolepudin and to have given tacit support to his activities.

So long as Stambolisky was in power Stolepudin was safe, and the Russian Russians, despite their rage at his tactics, were powerless. With the passing of Stambolisky, however, and the active opposition of the new Bulgarian Government to communistic activities, Stolepudin's security vanished. His mutilated body is believed to have been the answer of his enemies to the prosecution they are alleged to have endured at his instigation.

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TUT MAY NOT BE IN TOMB, SAYS RIDER HAGGARD

(By I. N. S.)

LONDON, Aug. 15.—That Tutankhamen is not in the tomb in which he was originally placed was the theory put forward by Sir Rider Haggard, famous novelist, during the course of a speech at Norwich.

"It seems such a small tomb compared with others I have seen in the Valley of the Kings," he said. "It occurs to me that he may have been bundled out of his own tomb, and that Hornehotep, who hated him, may have taken Tutankhamen's tomb himself."

The extraordinary confusion in which the furniture and other treasures were found seems to support this view, he contended.

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SHUMAKER GRADE IS IN GOOD SHAPE NOW

ENTERPRISE, Aug. 15.—The road across the Grande Ronde river by way of Shumaker grade has been restored to normal condition, according to a report in the Clatsop Republic last week. Approaches to the grade were washed out by a heavy rain a few weeks ago and cars got over the road only with great difficulty. The Republic said, in a report from Astoria:

"Herbert Gottis, supervisor of the Astoria road district, returned yesterday from the Grande Ronde river where he has been with a crew of

four men working on the Shumaker grade and the Deer Creek canyon grade to the Oregon state line. The work was completed and the loose rock and gravel washed into the road by recent storms was cleared away.

"The Shumaker grade is now reported in as good condition as in former years. However, there is always quite a bit of loose rock on the grade due to the fact that there are a large number of cattle grazed on the land adjacent to the road which roll boulders and small rocks continually into the roadway."

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