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FRED REED ARRESTED TODAY FOR KILLING OF L. K. BALLINGER

Driver of Wrecked Auto Held for Involuntary Manslaughter After Inquest.

CORONER'S JURY FINDS HE WAS DRIVING FAST

Witnesses Today Testify That He Showed Signs of Drink Prior to Fatal Trip.

"We find that L. K. Ballinger, aged 35, came to his death by external violence caused by the overturning of an automobile on North Front street, Marshfield, said automobile being owned by Fred Reed in a careless and negligent manner and at an excessive rate of speed."

This was the verdict brought in by a coroner's jury that investigated the death of L. K. Ballinger who was killed in the auto accident on North Front street shortly after midnight Thursday. The jury consisted of F. E. Westberg, C. K. Perry, J. T. Harrigan, Alex. Johnson, Thomas S. Harvey and J. A. Blatt shortly after noon today. They were out a comparatively short time.

Immediately after the returning of the verdict, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney L. A. Liljeqvist appeared before Justice Pennock and swore out a warrant for the arrest of Fred Reed, charging him with involuntary manslaughter. In the complaint, Mr. Reed is charged with driving the auto in a grossly careless and negligent manner, resulting in the killing of Ballinger.

Hearing This Morning. The verdict followed a two hours hearing this morning, a continuation of the inquest of last evening.

H. N. Richards, of Portland, and Night Clerk Welch, of the Chandler Hotel, were two of the principal witnesses today. Mr. Richards testified that he and his wife and some other ladies were at the Chandler about 11:30 and wanted to take a machine for home. He noticed that Fred Reed had been drinking but did not consider him intoxicated. However, the women folks objected to riding with Reed on account of his being drinking and did not go. It is understood that besides Mrs. Richards the other two women were Miss Johnson, of Portland, and Miss Wood, of North Bend. Mr. Richards said that the ladies had got into the car and he went into the bar and asked Reed to take them home. Reed said he would and Richards returned and got into the car. Reed drove and finally after six or eight minutes, Richards went back after him. When he returned, the ladies had got out of the car and said that they would not ride with a drunken driver. Richards then went into the hotel and asked to be given a telephone to Gorst & King to get a car to take them home.

Night Clerk Welch told practically the same story as Mr. Richards. He said that while he did not consider that Reed was drunk, he said that Reed showed unmistakable signs of having been drinking.

Nurses Testify. Miss Marie Underhill and Mrs. Hayes, night nurses at Mercy Hospital, were called and said that they found Fred Reed's hand when he came to the hospital with W. R. Richards after the accident. They did not detect any signs of his having been drinking.

C. O. King was called and testified as to the weight of the machine. Ed Lindberg was recalled and testified about the curve. Paul Cronin and Mayor Straw also testified about the curve where the accident occurred.

Inquest Last Night. The opening of the coroner's inquest over L. K. Ballinger, who was killed in the auto accident on North Front street early yesterday morning, last night brought out between 100 and 200 spectators. Little new developed in the case, the principal evidence being that Driver Fred Reed had been drinking and was speeding on North Front street before definite evidence showing that he was particularly at fault was brought out.

MORGAN STILL IS VERY SICK

Son-in-Law Says He Has Not Been Able to Leave Hotel Since Easter Sunday.

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.)

LONDON, March 29.—An unconfirmed dispatch from Rome to the Exchange Telegraph says: "Herbert L. Satterlee, a son-in-law of J. Pierpont Morgan, admitted today that Mr. Morgan had not left his hotel since Easter day when he was taken ill during the church services and was forced to return immediately to his hotel. He is taking a complete rest under the instructions of his doctors."

regard as the representative of Mrs. Ballinger and J. M. Upton was also keeping close tab on the hearing.

Claude Tucker was the first witness and told of discovering the overturned auto, of being informed that a man was pinioned underneath it and returning for help. He told of the condition of the car. Later he was recalled to the stand and said that when the car with a crowd of fellows sped by him as he was standing at the front of the Blanco cigar store, he had a presentiment that a wreck would result. He said that they were speeding up some. He said he answered a phone call, cranked up his machine and followed them down as he had been called to get a couple of men on North Front street to go to Hunker Hill.

H. J. McKeown testified that about 11:20 he and W. R. Haines came back to the hotel from a billiard hall and went into the bar. A moment or so later, L. K. Ballinger joined them. He said that Fred Reed, the auto driver, was there and joined the crowd in a drink. He said that Reed took some cigars and three Scotch highballs. He said that some one came in and spoke to Reed about a trip and the latter went out to the lobby and was telephoning to North Bend about a car when he (McKeown) went to bed. This was about a quarter to twelve. In response to a direct question, he said that Reed showed some effects of drinking liquor.

F. A. McClees, a bartender at the Chandler, testified that Fred Reed had been into the bar almost every trip he made. He said that he thought he came in with Mehlmann and Dana. He said that so far as he knew, Reed took but two drinks, Scotch highballs, taking cigars the other times. He said he didn't notice Reed showing any effects of liquor. All left when he closed the bar at 12 o'clock and he didn't notice what they did or where they went. He later heard of the wreck and went there but could throw no further light on it.

Ed Lindberg, another driver of the Gorst & King line, said that he had seen Reed about 11:30. Then he offered to make that trip and allow Reed to stay. He said that he had seen Reed in the saloon but didn't know that he was drinking and didn't notice any effects of liquor on him. He said Reed had made the 11 o'clock trip from North Bend. Lindberg left North Bend about 12 o'clock and when he reached the wreck, the dead and injured had been removed. He said that the curve where the accident occurred, he had been slowing up on account of danger of breaking a car spring or the machine skidding. He said it was too dark to examine the place closely right after the accident. He said that under ordinary conditions, a machine probably wouldn't skid much on that turn even though running as high as twenty miles an hour. He said that he thought the turn could be made very safely at a speed of ten miles an hour.

Dr. Straw testified that L. K. Ballinger was dead when Claude Tucker brought the body up in the machine. He said that a later examination showed that Ballinger had sustained a broken jaw, internal injuries and that his neck had been broken. He said that death had been caused by external violence.

Harry Mann, bartender at the Chandler, said that he had been on duty between 10 and 12 o'clock. He said that he had served Reed two Scotch highballs and three cigars. He said that when Reed left just before 12 o'clock that he didn't notice any effects of liquor on him.

Prosecuting Attorney Liljeqvist who was present to assist Coroner Wilson in the inquest, R. Cronin was present as the representative of Fred Reed, C. I. Rel-

JOHNSON PORTER HERE AND TELLS OF RAILROAD WORK

Equipment Not for Work in North Bend but for Work on Tunnel—Taken No Contract for This end of Work.

Many rumors about the local railroad situation that have been afloat on the Bay for some days were put at rest today by Johnson R. Porter, head of Porter Brothers, who have the contract for building the Coo Bay and Eugene line from the end of the Notli tunnel to the south end of the Schofield-Ten Mile tunnel. Mr. Porter arrived on the Bay last evening and will remain until tomorrow.

Mr. Porter stated first that the construction equipment that arrived in North Bend on the Breakwater, Thursday, was not for work in North Bend or on Coo Bay, but was for starting work at the south entrance of the Ten Mile tunnel.

He also stated that Porter Brothers have not taken over the balance of the contract for the road from the MacArthur, Perks company. He said that if they had, he had not been notified of it and that he certainly thought that he would be apprised of any such move. This is the part of the contract south from the Ten Mile tunnel to Sand Point and for work in North Bend, which was retained by the MacArthur, Perks company, when they sublet part of the work to Porter Brothers.

Mr. Porter further stated that he had not made any plans yet for the work between the Umpqua and the Siuslaw rivers. They have not been instructed to do so by the Southern Pacific yet.

Mr. Porter stated that they were arranging to have the road completed as far as Acme this fall and trains would be running between there and Eugene this year.

Porter Brothers will personally drive the big tunnel between Ten Mile and Schofield Creek. They will work from both ends and will rush it through just as rapidly as possible. There is no time limit on it in their contract with the Southern Pacific other than that the work shall be done expeditiously. Just how rapidly the tunnel can be driven Mr. Porter would not venture to guess, as he said it all depended on the kind of formation they encountered.

Mr. Porter was very reluctant about giving out an interview as he said that sometimes wrong interpretations were placed on statements and it made it bad. He was retic-

ent throughout a brief interview at The Chandler hotel but he was very explicit in his remarks.

This is Johnson Porter's first visit on the Bay and he was pleasantly surprised to find as good a community here. He said that he could start in here five different times, but was called back before he could make it. He said that from now on he expected to be in through here every little while as he personally will keep close tab on the work in the tunnel. He will either come in by auto, if the roads are good, or by boat from Portland.

This morning he was the guest of A. H. Powers and visited the C. A. Smith mill. "I got more ideas in a few hours through the mill and seeing the Nann Smith and Adeline Smith loading than I have in many years," he said today. "The mill and plant is a wonder."

Mr. Porter is now operating the mill at Florence. He and his brothers have about two and a half billion feet of timber along the Siuslaw and they recently bought an immense tract along the Santiam.

Warren Reed Here. Warren Reed was also here from Gardiner today on business. He brought a big barge while here which he will have taken to the Umpqua for his business there. He is erecting an immense warehouse at Reedsport. He says everything is booming there.

He is in hopes of the Star Lumber company completing arrangements to put in its big lumber mill there soon. There has been talk of a bank at Gardiner and Mr. Reed said that he supposed one would come soon, although he and the Gardiner Mill company have been doing sort of a banking business in conjunction with their other business there. Mrs. Reed is now enjoying good health.

He says Copenhagen now have about 250 men at work.

Takes Contract. Ned Hall has taken the contract from Porter Brothers to transport about 250,000 pounds of equipment from North Bend up North Slough to a point where it can be easily hauled to the big tunnel. John Van Berger will probably assist him. A part of this equipment arrived on the last Breakwater and more will come soon.

Work in North Bend. Engineer Hindmarsh, who has been doing the survey work across Simpson Park and near there in North Bend, was quoted today as stating that they were simply waiting for construction officials to arrive to start work in North Bend.

RUSH RELIEF TO FLOOD AREA

Gov. Cox Says Over \$1,000,000 Has Been Received From All Parts.

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.)

CHICAGO, Ill., March 29.—Estimates of the number of persons who perished in Ohio and Indiana still differed widely today, especially at Dayton where it is said by business men that the number of dead will not exceed 200, while the undertakers in Dayton estimated the deaths at 800. Money and supplies are pouring in from practically every part of North America, including Canada and Alaska. Even distant Hawaii made a substantial contribution.

Governor Cox said that he had received contributions amounting to one million dollars in money and that every hour brings additional aid. Food and supplies are coming from many states.

Reports from several Illinois, West Virginia and Ohio valley points show the flood waters are still doing great damage in several sections.

BALKANS WIN GREAT VICTORY

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.) LONDON, March 29.—The Bulgarian troops pierced the Thetatalia lines in the neighborhood of Lake Derkos on the Black Sea today and pushed forward victoriously to Constantinople, according to a dispatch from Sofia.

BAND DANCE at Eagles Hall, SATURDAY night, MARCH 29. Have your job printing done at The Times office.

DAYTON TODAY FREE OF FLOOD; RELIEF WORK IS BEING RUSHED

REVISED LIST OF FLOOD LOSS

Numbers of Drownings in Various Towns—Partial List of the Victims.

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.)

DAYTON, Ohio, March 29.—The latest estimate of the dead in the various cities in Ohio and Indiana is as follows:

Table with columns for City and Number of Victims. Includes Dayton (150), Miamisburg (50), Piqua (50), Columbus (60), Hamilton (75), Tiffin (18), Chillicothe (18), Middletown (14), Fremont (14), Massillon (5), Troy (9), Zanesville (4), Harrison (12), Valley Junction (2), Cleves (6), Peru (20), Brookville (16), Fort Wayne (6), Terre Haute (4).

DAYTON, Ohio, March 29.—Official reports on the identification of flood victims poured in steadily today. As fast as the bodies were identified they were buried. The revised list so far reported showed the following dead:

- Mrs. Brown, I. M. Mason, Mrs. D. Hawkins, Miss Hawke, Mrs. James Wallace, S. S. Cupp, Christ Polk, Virginia Snyder, Howard Snyder, Mrs. Clemenshan, or Clemenson, George Morganthaler, George Blitz, Mr. Quinlan, Mrs. Young, B. F. Harkreader, Frank C. Scott, 5 years old, John McConnell.

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.)

COLUMBUS, Ohio, March 29.—The identified dead reported at various morgues throughout the city today were:

- Mrs. Greenlee, Mrs. Sarah Scovill, Albert Underwood, 11 years old, Mrs. Della McEnerney, John Stottler, Mrs. John Stottler, Walter Breker, Mrs. Walter Breker, Mrs. Keyes, Mrs. James Cooper and two children Gus Gaven, Claude Hazelt, H. O. Mashen, Mrs. H. O. Mashen, Mrs. O. C. Toy, Mrs. Sadie Garald, Mrs. Rhoda K. Wright, Sarah Scrella, Alma Dissat, 8 years old, Hilda Diss, 10 years old, C. M. Shoup, baby, C. H. Houston, Albert C. Gore, Mrs. Marie Clouser, Hannah Weeth, Edwin D. Damsell, Emma Louise Cooper, 5 years old, Krankle Ford, 12 years old, Mrs. Anna F. Hollubough, Mrs. Mary Miller, William Guy, Howard Preston, Arnold Weisenganger, William French or William Griffin, Mrs. Mae McDonald.

Besides this list of 37 identified dead and 19 unidentified bodies in the morgues, the authorities have reports of about 10 bodies recovered by individual searchers and placed in houses on the edge of the flooded area.

WORK ON SIUSLAW.

Porter Brothers Are Hastening Construction Work There.

The Florence West says: "Porter Bros. are building a large warehouse at Mapleton. H. B. Bole & Co. now have 50 to 60 men employed at opening the county road above Mapleton. They have a camp at W. F. Potter's place and intend to open two more before long. One camp will be located at Walker Creek and the other will be below Mapleton. This firm has a contract to build the road from Mapleton to Acme."

Attend SWEDISH LUTHERAN LADIES 25-CENT SUPPER at the church hall Saturday, March 29, beginning at 5 o'clock. There is a REAL PLEASURE in using HAINES' FLOUR.

Only Four Blocks in Heart of Business Section Swept by Bad Fires.

SEC. GARRISON WILL SEND FEDERAL EXPERTS

Sanitary Conditions are Feared—No Personal Messages Are Being Handled.

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.)

DAYTON, March 29.—Citizens of Dayton swarmed over the central part of the city for the first time since the flood rushed over the town. The military men announced that the bridges from other parts of town without official permission.

The fire loss in the central city covers only four blocks, lying between Fourth, Second, Jefferson and Clair streets.

Food is coming from every quarter by wagon, train and auto, while gangs of men are busy everywhere clearing away the debris. It was hoped to have one pumping station working in forty-eight hours, with which to provide water in case of fire.

Secretary of War Garrison arrived in Dayton this afternoon and at a conference with John R. Patterson, chairman of the relief committee, decided to order federal military experts here. Announcement was made by the relief committee today that until conditions become normal, no personal messages to persons here can be delivered or answered, as the wire capacity is taxed to the utmost to carry official and public business.

SITUATION IN DAYTON

Relief Work Progress—Estimates on Number Dead.

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.)

DAYTON, Ohio, March 29.—Though a search of the flooded districts here indicated that the loss of life in Dayton will not be more than 150 or 200 at a meeting of seven-eighths of the undertakers it was announced that the consensus of their opinion put the total at 800. These estimates are based merely on general conditions and Dayton citizens renewed their efforts to explore every recess of the city to ascertain if their reckoning was correct. Large rescue parties were busy today succoring sufferers and dead.

Sewage, water, gas and wire communication systems have been destroyed.

Thousands of dead animals are lying about the streets. Two fertilizer firms started today to gather the animals.

Water is being served by sprinkling wagons. The sewage system cannot be used for weeks and it will be necessary to do without gas for some time. A sanitary committee is hard at work to prevent possible disease and epidemic. Considering the number of persons affected by the flood there has been comparatively little sickness, a condition which the cold weather to a great extent has been responsible.

OTHER CITIES NOW IN DANGER

Large Area in Cincinnati, Newport and Covington Inundated.

(By Associated Press to Coo Bay Times.)

CINCINNATI, Ohio, March 29.—With the Ohio river covering the entire lower section of the city and with refugees from stricken up-state towns coming by hundreds, Cincinnati today faced a situation of grave import. The Ohio river reached the 65.9 foot stage at daylight and is rising slowly.

More than 60 city blocks are under water from a half foot to 1 1/2 feet deep. The suffering, however, is minimum owing to the early warning of impending danger.

City blocks in Newport and Covington are under water. Many manufacturing plants are closed down today and many are out of work. Secretary of War Garrison and Major General Wood arrived here today en route to Dayton. General Wood will stay here to work with Mayor Hunt and the Red Cross. Secretary Garrison will go on to Dayton in an auto with Major General Rhodes and General McCoy.

TRY IT! WHAT? HAINES' FLOUR.

NANN SMITH will SAIL FROM SAN FRANCISCO for COOS BAY, Thursday, April 3, with FREIGHT ONLY.