

FATALITIES ATTEND OVER-SPEEDING OF AUTOMOBILES

THREE KILLED BY A WILD MACHINE

Two Spectators and Mechanician Kellum, With Merz, Victims—Tire Bursts; Auto Flies Into Crowd—Others Injured.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Indianapolis, Ind., Aug. 21.—Before 40,000 persons and within 40 feet of 15,000 of this number, a tragedy occurred on the new Indianapolis motor speedway this evening that claimed the lives of three persons and brought the automobile races to an abrupt end.

The races were stopped by the referee of the American racing board when 325 miles had been covered of the 300 mile race for the \$5000 silver trophy, the principal event of the whole meet, and after National car No. 10, driven by Charles Merz, had crashed through a fence, killing two spectators and causing the death within an hour of Claude Kellum, Merz's mechanician.

The dead:

CLAUDE KELLUM, Kokomo, Ind.

JOHN SELEFF, Trafalgar, Ind.

Unknown man, at first thought to be Benjamin Logan.

Seriously injured:

Henry Tompkins.

Indianapolis, Aug. 21.—Death claimed its toll again on the ill-fated Indianapolis speedway today when two spectators and a mechanician were killed and two spectators and two drivers were injured. This time the accidents put a stop to the racing affair.

The fatal accident occurred on the one hundred and fiftieth mile of the 300-mile race, the feature of the day, when with terrific speed, Merz, in National, with Kellum as mechanician, dashed off a culvert, through a fence, turning a somersault, and landing in the creek, where the culvert spanned and dragged the occupants and spectators for a space of 10 yards.

Due to Bursting Tire.

The accident was caused by a tire bursting on the right front wheel. At the point where the accident occurred the speedway was not banked, which probably caused the fatalities of the day.

Many spectators were standing inside the wire fence when the car dashed off the culvert, and the crowd in the bleachers became hysterical, men and women fighting for the course leads into the back stretch. The crowd in the bleachers became hysterical, men and women fighting for the course leads into the back stretch. The crowd in the bleachers became hysterical, men and women fighting for the course leads into the back stretch.

Victims Six Since Opening.

Today's carnage makes a total of six killed or mortally injured since the opening of the Indianapolis speedway. There were three today. Bourque and Holcomb, his mechanician, were killed on Thursday's opening races. Litterer of the Standard crowd is dying from the result of injuries received on the way to the track for practice on Wednesday.

Jack De Rosier, world's champion motorcycleist, is also lying in a critical condition at the Methodist hospital from injuries received last Saturday in the motorcycle races, when he lost control of his machine in practically the same spot where Bourque and Holcomb were killed on Thursday.

Merz Shuts Off Engine.

The Merz machine took one somersault, landing through the fence. Merz was pinned beneath the machine and his mechanician, Claude Kellum, thrown far over onto the ground. Merz, while laying under the machine, turned off the engine. He escaped in some miraculous way except for a few bruises.

Minor Accidents.

Henry Tompkins of Indianapolis was seriously injured. Both arms were smashed and he had a bad scalp wound. James Alf of Indianapolis is also in a dangerous condition in the Emergency hospital at the track.

Merz was driven back to the start, where he was greeted by his father who had been told he was dead. His statement of the accident was that he lost control of his machine in practically the same spot where Bourque and Holcomb were killed on Thursday.

Races Called Off.

It was but two laps after the National made a plunge that the Indianapolis, struck one of the runs on the back course, skidded and turned turtle. Kellum was badly out on the head.

FORGER FACES LIFE TERM IN PRISON

Marguerite Avenue Resident With Many Aliases Was Heir to Fortune From Father's Estate—Wife Returns to Parents.

(United Press Leased Wire.) Portland, Aug. 21.—A man with many aliases, a wealthy and respected resident of Pendleton and Baker City, with every prospect for success and honor, yet the lure of the primrose path called too insistently to J. H. Johnson and today he is in the county jail facing long terms in Oregon's prison and a life term in the Walla Walla penitentiary.

Possessed of a handsome home at 436 Marguerite avenue, Portland, recently married to a charming and respected woman of Wasco county, prepared to some distant country where the page would be clean, the long searching arm of the law, police for months, shot him, reached down yesterday and stopped his flight. Last night, the man who had been hunted by the American authorities for long months, was brought back to the city of Portland, where he was arrested by the police.

Watch for Months.

No more important nor more sensational arrest has marked the records of the Portland authorities for long months than that made by Deputy Sheriff Archie Leonard and Henry E. van Groenewald, superintendent of the Pinkertons, yesterday afternoon. After months of patient waiting and silent work they gathered in a man who has been sought for several years by the detective forces of the entire northwest.

Convicted of Forgery at Eugene in 1899.

J. H. Johnson, with dozens of aliases, has long been under the eye of the law. Convicted of forgery at Eugene in 1899, he was sentenced to six years in the Oregon penitentiary at Salem. He served his time and was released April 15, 1900. He again forced a check at Forest Grove, August 1, 1905, and was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary, being released about a year ago because of time earned by good behavior. Prior to that he had served a sentence in the Walla Walla penitentiary on forgery, and even before that time had a criminal record in California.

Posed as Timber Cruiser.

Always having been convicted under different aliases, Johnson came to Portland and began a new career. Posing as a timber cruiser, and a man of means, he gave no inkling to his associates of his past record in crime. He courted a young woman of Wasco county, Miss L. Leonard, daughter of a well known blacksmith of Sherar's Bridge, and 10 months ago married her. Posing on the funds of his many crimes, cleverly worked and more cleverly hidden during all of this time, Johnson purchased a handsome \$4000 home on Marguerite avenue, and lived in a property in Sunnyside worth \$1500, bought a Studebaker touring car for \$1600, and lived as a man of means.

Employed Peculiar Methods.

No one knows just how much money was gathered in by Johnson through the filmfandango games he worked on various banks throughout the four states of Oregon, Washington, California and Idaho. He had a peculiar method which long baffled the detectives who were silently hunting onto his trail. Representing himself to be a cattle buyer he would visit different localities and seek to buy cattle in various lots. He knew all about cattle, and drove close bargains. Selecting men who were well known in the communities where they lived.

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TWO KILLED IN MAD DASH

George McLean, Manager of Great Chicago Store, and His Son Victims of Fast Auto Driving—Five Others Injured.

(United Press Leased Wire.) New Brunswick, N. J., Aug. 21.—Traveling 45 miles an hour, the touring car of George A. McLean, manager of the Marshall Field store in Chicago, was twisted into a mass of broken steel about a telegraph pole about four miles from here, tonight, killing McLean and his son, and injuring five other persons.

The dead:

GEORGE McLEAN SR., instantly killed.

GEORGE McLEAN JR., 18, died in St. Peter's hospital.

Injured:

Mrs. George McLean, comatose condition.

Miss Dorothy McLean, broken arms, internal injuries.

Miss Jeanette McDonald, Chicago, right arm and leg broken.

Mrs. Harriet McDonald, both arms broken, recovery doubtful.

Oscar Scott, chauffeur, arms broken, will recover.

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GOVERNOR OF NEBRASKA AND PARTY



Visitors From the Music West Who Have Been Charmed With the Oregon Country.

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WOMAN ROBBED; THIEF SENDS \$2

Plight of Mother Supporting 9 Consumptive Children Touches "Unfortunate."

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Aug. 21.—Mrs. Ellen L. E. Bolton, who for months, as dishwasher at \$2 a day, has supported herself, husband and nine children, the latter being so badly afflicted with consumption they are unable to work, today received \$2 from a thief who had read how she had been robbed of \$50 worth of clothing she had pinched and squeezed herself to save for her daughter's sake.

The letter accompanying the gift from the man of the under world reads:

"Good Lady: I send \$2 toward a fund for the robbed woman (little short of day). The cheap fellows who done that job are to be pitied, if they have a conscience. If some of my friends and competitors don't loosen up a little and send the poor woman a remuneration, I will send more. UNFORTUNATE."

SLEUTHS CLASH WITH DISTRICT ATTORNEY AND HIS DEPUTIES

Friction has developed during the last few days between the detective bureau of the police department and the office of District Attorney George Cameron, because of what the detectives declare to be too great willingness on the part of the state officers to impart news for publication before it is best that it be withheld.

Several times during the last few weeks news of thefts and bunco games have leaked out, declare the detectives, through the office of the district attorney, and twice chances of conviction and capture have been practically spoiled.

BANDIT RELIEVES VICTIM OF HIS PISTOL BUT DISDAINS SPARK

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Seattle, Aug. 21.—Held up at a point of a gun and robbed of his cash and a pearl handled \$2 caliber Smith & Wesson revolver, was the report made to the police by H. C. Brown, a guest at the Paxton hotel, today.

Brown says he was walking along King street, near Twenty-eighth avenue south, shortly after 12 o'clock this morning when the highwayman ordered him to throw up his hands. Although he had a revolver in his pocket, Brown says he had no time to draw the weapon. The highwayman took the cash and revolver. The police consider it strange that the bandit did not take a diamond stud and a gold headed cane which Brown carried.

BRIDES BUY THE LICENSES

Young Women Anticipate Arrival of Grooms From the East.

Anticipating the arrival of their sweethearts from Indiana last night, Miss Maribel Swearingin and Miss Ollie A. Swearingin, sisters, yesterday afternoon went to the office of the county clerk and invested \$3 each in marriage licenses.

To F. G. Wilde, who was presiding as Cupid at the marriage license counter, the girls confided the fact that their lovers were expected last night and they decided to arrange the preliminaries so that the double ceremony might be performed at once.

The sisters also declared their loyalty to Oregon, and said that their husbands-to-be want them to go back to Indiana, their old home and the home of the young men. But they both expect to be able to convert their admirers, and make Oregonians out of them.

BY PLUNGING INTO LEWIS RIVER LITTLE HERO SAVES FRIEND

(Special Dispatch to The Journal.) Woodland, Wash., Aug. 21.—By plunging into Lewis river to save the life of his little friend, Freddie Bryant, aged 13, made himself the hero of Woodland. A number of small boys, among them Freddie Bryant and Wilson Meek, aged 10, were playing on a boom of logs in the river. Wilson lost his balance and fell between the logs. Not hesitating after help or waiting for others to come to the assistance of his little friend submerged beneath the logs, Freddie plunged into the water, gathered the little fellow in one arm and pulled him to safety on the raft.

SEPARATED 18 YEARS; MEET IN PORTLAND

E. E. Fulton, a member of The Journal composing force, was treated to a pleasant surprise when his sister, Miss Mabel G. Fulton of Duluth, whom he had not seen for 18 years, walked in upon him last week. Miss Fulton spent several days with him, and will leave this afternoon for Duluth over the Union Pacific.

Miss Fulton and her brother had been separated for 18 years, and in that time had almost lost track of one another. Neither knew the correct address of the other, although each thought the other to be in his old place. When Miss Fulton came to the coast this summer she set about to hunt up her brother, and found him at The Journal office.

PINCHOT WIK OUT IN LAST SESSION

Trans-Mississippi Congress Ends Session With Same Old Row—Important Resolution Adopted—Officers Elected.

(Hearst News by Longest Leased Wire.) Denver, Aug. 21.—The Pinchot-Ballinger controversy broke loose today in the Transmississippi congress, the last day of the convention, just as President Taft and the other peace-makers thought they had securely bottled it up.

The first rumble was heard when the resolutions committee reported favorably on a resolution which read:

"Resolved, That we endorse the purpose of the National Public Domain League, with headquarters at Denver, to aid bonafide homesteaders and prospectors in locating upon and obtaining title to the public lands in compliance with the acts of congress."

Pinchot Faction Wins

The Pinchot faction, however, obtained a victory in the adoption of a substitute resolution offered by Goudy, which declares:

"Resolved, That we favor the enforcement of the land laws of the country, and to the end that no valid obstruction be allowed to intervene against the full exercise of rights of those who may be entitled to take up land as homesteaders, or locate a mining claim, or any other entryman."

The effect of the Goudy substitute is to rob the league of endorsement. Just previous to the final adjournment of the congress this afternoon, George B. Green of Peoria, secretary of the Retail Merchants' association of Illinois, introduced in the face of earnest protests, a resolution calling on the national congress to reduce the tax on oleomargarine and colored butters from 16 cents to 1 cent per pound.