

BLAME FOR AUTO ACCIDENT IS LAID TO TALL WEEDS

Witnesses Are Long on Telling What They Would Have Done Under the Circumstances.

NO UNANIMITY IS REACHED

None Agree on Testimony; Jurors Smoke and Express Their Own Opinions as to Wreck's Cause.

By debating points of testimony and recommending enforcement of city ordinances to investigate causes for the automobile accident that led to the death on Wednesday of George C. Held, photographer, and Miss Edna Gaynor, actress, spent several hours Thursday night and failed to find responsibility or to find a verdict.

The unsatisfactory nature of the story of the tragedy leaves the placing of blame upon any civil action that may result, as no other request will be ordered, according to Coroner Earl Smith.

VARIED TESTIMONY

Miss Gaynor and Mr. Held, employed by the American Lifeograph company in the production of "Martyrs of Yesterday," a replica of the Whitman massacre, were killed when a large bus on which they were riding overturned while trying to avoid a collision with a smaller car speeding through Laurelhurst. Witnesses presented varied testimony as to the speed of the two cars and discussed features of the accident to such length that the jury recommended the city ordinance ordinance requiring that grass and weeds be kept out on vacant property. Evidence was that such growth must have obscured the view of drivers of both automobiles.

While the jury smoked, a half dozen witnesses were called. None could agree on the details of the accident and most of the testimony members of the jury expressed their own opinions. The jurors were residents of the district around the intersection of Fearless place and Hazel Fern place, where the accident occurred.

Witnesses and jurors so differed on details that a map of the scene of the tragedy was reduced to a mere jumble of marks when each had outlined his idea of the location. There was no unanimity as to the intersection of Fearless and Hazel Fern place, where the accident occurred.

OPINIONS PROPOSED

Coroner Smith was forced to call for order several times and when Emory C. Dye of Oregon City, son of Eva Emery Dye, Oregon historian and author, testified, the coroner was forced to call a halt on a long description of "what I will do in another such predicament."

Victory Notes Are Purchased at Par

New York, May 29.—(U. P.)—Victory 3 1/2 per cent notes made their appearance on the stock exchange today, at \$100.

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Disorder Rampant During Strike of Italian Workers

Rome, May 30.—(U. P.)—Disorders characterized the general strike declared at Biella, 55 miles from Turin, according to dispatches received here Thursday. The strike was called in sympathy with woolen workers. Public roads were barricaded with logs to impede troop movements. Automobiles were stolen and one burned.

At Crocemosso strikers halted a military column and one striker was slightly wounded when the captain shot him. Strikers forced the troops to barricade themselves in a house until reinforcements came. The strikers cut telegraph wires. General Rivera with troops in en route to the scene.

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Second of Men Who Robbed Bank Found Guilty on Theory of Pact to Kill if Taken.

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The X-ray photograph taken by Dr. J. A. Reuter of this city was the deciding factor in the trial. A. J. McCullough of Camas, who was a deputy in the posse that set out to hunt down the bank robbers, Primrose and the Lewis brothers, after the Washougal bank had been held up, was wounded in the right arm when he was guarding Primrose at the house of Bob Warren near Washougal. It was the contention of the state that Lewis fired the shot to free Primrose from the clutches of the law, just as Primrose fired the shot to free Lewis and himself from the law when he murdered Chief Gibbons.

The X-ray photograph showed clearly that the bullet lodged in the shoulder of McCullough was of the type fired by Lewis' gun, which gun, it was indicated, in the hand of Lewis, shot McCullough, and in the hand of Primrose killed Chief Gibbons. From this it was deduced that there did exist between the two bandits a compact to evade arrest to the extent of taking human life.

Under the new law, Lewis will be committed to the penitentiary for a period of 15 years, but at the expiration of one fourth of the sentence, plus time for good behavior, he will be subject to parole.

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GREAT NORTHERN AND TWO OTHER VESSELS ARE FIRST OF NINE

Trio Is Vanguard of Troopships Laden With Many Units of Overseas Men.

New York, May 30.—(I. N. S.)—The Great Northern, the Mobile and the Saxonia arrived from Brest today, the first of nine transports due to dock with 20,460 American soldiers before nightfall to arrive.

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Trio Sentenced For Boat Theft

Vancouver, B. C., May 30.—(I. N. S.)—Three Americans were sentenced here Thursday to prison by Judge Gaylor for attempted theft of the yacht Isis several months ago. Sidney Price received 10 years and 10 lashes, his wife, Blanche Price, three years, and W. W. Douglas, alias Douglas Hodge, seven years. The trio were found guilty of the robbery of the caretaker at the Vancouver Yacht club and attempted theft of the yacht.

Reduction of Navy Strength Necessary Unless Funds Voted

Washington, May 30.—(U. P.)—The American navy will be reduced to about 100,000 men unless congress authorizes and provides funds for additional recruiting. Captain Leigh, acting chief of the bureau of navigation, Thursday told the house naval affairs committee.

Monarchists Along Border Put Back

London, May 30.—(U. P.)—Monarchists trying to cross the border in Portugal, May 24, at Forte la Dohome and Valenca do Mino were easily repelled, according to a Lisbon dispatch to the Times Thursday. Some officers were arrested. Order was restored.

Roosevelt Highway Indorsed by Sinnott; Success Hoped For

With receipt of a telegram Thursday from Representative Sinnott indorsing the Roosevelt highway bill to be voted on June 3, the entire Oregon congressional delegation is on record in favor of the measure. Congressman Sinnott wired.

"I am heartily in favor of the proposed Roosevelt highway. It will be a great asset to the state, both from a scenic and utility viewpoint, traversing a region of magnificent scenery and tapping millions of acres of the world's best farm and dairy land. I sincerely hope it will be indorsed by an overwhelming vote on June 3."

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SOLID CITIZEN IS BADGER VICTIM

Irate Man Enters Room and Milton Resident Hushes Scandal With Roll of Bills.

The ancient badger game, the last resort of a broken down bunco man, found an easy victim, say the police, in A. L. Demaris, a prominent citizen of Milton, Or., who is appearing in the police court as a complainant against Carrie Hill, arrested Wednesday afternoon by Inspectors Snow and Tackaberry on a charge of blackmail. Demaris, one of Milton's most solid and respectable citizens, leader in church and civic betterment work, came to Portland, a short while ago, fell into the hands of the Hill woman, and "fell" for the old, old game. Youth cannot be given as a cause for Mr. Demaris' gullibility, as he is said to be the father of a family of nine grown children.

According to the complaint made to the police, Demaris was visiting Miss Hill at her home in an East Side apartment house, when an unknown man entered, flourished a pistol, and in melodramatic tones advised the Milton citizen that his last hour had arrived. Miss Hill pleaded, the bloodthirsty one apparently released, and finally agreed to drop the matter for the sum of \$500. This Demaris promptly paid, and returned to his home in Milton, N. Y.

Local Capital to Control Medford-Butte Falls Road

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