

TRUCK KILLS SCHOOL BOY AS HE PLAYS

Peter Kuhn Meets Tragic Death in Front of Albina Homestead School; Driver Unable to Stop in Time to Avoid Accident.

Playground romping during recess had a tragic ending this morning when Peter Kuhn, 11-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Kuhn of 929 East Eighth street north, was crushed to death under a motor truck at the Albina Homestead school.

The driver, Dan Shea, employed by the school district, could not stop his truck in time, as the lad dashed from the playground directly in the path of the machine.

DRIVER IS POWERLESS Young Kuhn was being pursued in play by Earl Sider, 42 S. Broadway street, who was only a few feet behind Kuhn when the latter dashed into the street.

The front wheels of the truck knocked Kuhn to the pavement and a wheel crushed the body of the boy. The driver, when Principal William Parker carried him into the building.

School Director George B. Thomas and Purchasing Agent W. L. Palmer, who were at the school supervising the delivery of supplies for Shea reported the accident to the police and called a physician, though death had probably been instantaneous.

Dr. Butler said a basic skull fracture was the cause of death.

The school is at Mallory and Beech streets. Shea was just driving up to the Mallory street entrance of the building with his load of supplies as the morning recess period filled the grounds with shouting, laughing children. Witnesses said Shea had almost brought his machine to a stop and was not moving faster than three or four miles an hour.

Investigation was conducted at the school by Captain H. A. Lewis, investigator and Leo Goetsch, deputy coroner, and resulted in the exoneration of the driver.

JANITOR SAW ACCIDENT Several boys who were playing with the Kuhn boy at the time of his fatal injury testified that the truck was going at a very slow rate. Charles Eastman, janitor of the school, saw the accident and called a warning to the driver and other boys.

The machine was stopped within five feet from where the boy was struck. Principal Parker told the police the boy was dead before he picked up. He was taken into the principal's office and the police and coroner's offices were notified.

The body was taken to the morgue pending disposition. Goetsch stated that no inquest will be held and verified the statement made by Dr. Butler that death was caused by a fractured skull.

BANDITS, CITIZENS, WOUND AND KILL

Cleveland, Ohio, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—One bandit was reported killed and two wounded when eight auto bandits attempted to hold up the Bedford branch of the Cleveland Trust company, late today. The remaining five robbers were reported surrounded by a posse of citizens in a nearby barn.

Two employees of the bank were wounded, according to reports, when they opposed the bandits, and several citizens, members of the posse, were shot and wounded while pursuing the fleeing thugs.

My Word, Says Sales Lady They're Not Easy Any More

By Alexander F. Jones (United News Staff Correspondent) Chicago, Oct. 21.—The taffy-haired saleslady in the dish department parked her gum.

HARDING OFFERS REWARD FOR THIS INFORMATION

Senator Harding, in a speech Wednesday, offered to "give a reward" to anyone who would produce specific evidence of a change of position since he accepted the Republican nomination for the presidency.

Marion, July 22 (Speech of Acceptance)—I can speak unreservedly of the American aspiration and the Republican commitment for an association of nations cooperating in sublime accord to attain and preserve peace through justice rather than force.

Marion, Aug. 28—It is not uncommon for the advocates of the League of Versailles to contrast unfavorably The Hague tribunal upon the ground that the tribunal "lacks teeth." Very well; then let's put teeth into it.

Same Speech—If the league has been so entwined and interwoven into the peace of Europe that its good must be preserved in order to stabilize the peace of that continent, then it may be amended or revised.

Marion, Sept. 5 (Statement to the Press)—Undoubtedly there is much that is good in the covenant of Versailles. I have no desire to fling that all aside.

Marion, Sept. 6—We are all agreed now that amendment or revision or reconstruction is possible and vastly better than reservations.

Marion, Sept. 21—If I can have my way we will never enter a fraternity that is founded on force.

Baltimore, Sept. 27—I am without a single program constructive in character about an association of nations. The first thing I will do is to try to find a plan for an association of nations behind which all Americans will stand.

Des Moines, Oct. 7—I do not want to clarify those obligations. I want to turn my back on them. It is not interpretation but rejection that I am seeking.

Marion, Oct. 11—I am unalterably opposed to going into the League of Nations.

Greencastle, Ind., Oct. 16—France has sent her spokesman to me informally asking America in its new realization of the situation to lead the way for an association of nations.

Marion, Oct. 18—I am sure that my words could not be construed to say that the French government has sent anybody to me.

BRITISH RAILMEN VOTE TO STRIKE

By Earle C. Reeves London, Oct. 21.—(I. N. S.)—British railway men have decided to strike immediately in sympathy with the coal miners, according to the Manchester Guardian today.

The Guardian said that the representatives of the National Union of Railwaymen had overruled J. H. Thomas, secretary of the union, and leader of the conservatives and voted "on a lightning sympathy walkout."

It is reported that London papers have received identical information, but up to noon it had not been officially confirmed.

According to the Pall Mall Gazette, leaders of the strike of the miners have rebuffed all attempts of other labor leaders to bring about mediation. The miners are said to have declared that they will not stand for any outside interference.

Rioting was renewed today at Ton-Yon-Yon, Wales, which was the scene of similar outbreaks Tuesday and Wednesday. The rioters began looting property, but were dispersed by the police, who used their batons freely.

Former Love Affair Kept Up, Says Mate

Montesano, Wash., Oct. 21.—After less than three months of married life James Edwards of Aberdeen has filed for divorce from Grace Edwards. The two were married in Montesano, August 9. Edwards alleges his wife continued a clandestine courtship with a former lover, Nettie Holman, while the divorce was pending.

Holman, alleging drunkenness and desertion. They live in Hoquiam.

Export Embargo on Wheat Is Demanded

Washington, Oct. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Demands for an export embargo on wheat are being received in large numbers by the department of agriculture from all parts of the country, especially the Northwest. It was announced today at the department.

Heavy Run of Fish Is Reported; Jack Salmon Numerous

Residents of Tillamook are being treated to one of the greatest runs of sea fish this season, according to telephone advice received this morning by Captain A. E. Burghdoff, state game warden, from a warden at the coast city, Silversides, sea trout and jack salmon are said to be entering the coast streams in large numbers. The deputy reported to Burghdoff that Wednesday 200 jack salmon weighing from two to six pounds each were caught by men fishing from the Trask river bridge within the city limits of Tillamook.

Police Called to Stop London Riot

London, Oct. 21.—(I. N. S.)—The third demonstration of unemployed this week occurred this afternoon in the Hackney district when a procession marched upon York House. Leaders announced their intention of breaking into York House. Police were rushed to the scene.

Commons Defeats Motion to Inquire Into Irish Affairs

By Webb Miller London, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—The British government having passed safely one attempt to inquire in parliament today another vote today on the labor situation.

After a long debate yesterday on the labor situation, the government was attacked for its "policy of repression," a motion for an investigation of Irish affairs was voted down in the house of commons last night by a big majority.

Botulism Cure Declared Found

San Francisco, Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—A cure for botulism poisoning was today announced by Dr. Jasper J. C. Geiger of the United States public health service, following the statement of pathologists that botulism was the cause of three deaths in Oakland yesterday. All three died after partaking of a dinner at which canned beans were served.

The serum by which the cure is effected was rushed to St. Anthony's hospital, Oakland. It was given to Nellie Russell and Steve Wendt, who, according to the report, were dying from botulism. They are reported today to be out of danger as the result of the injection of the new serum.

Lieutenant Found Short in Account

Seattle, Wash., Oct. 21.—(I. N. S.)—Lieutenant Walter Wilson Jr. is under arrest at the Puget Sound naval station today charged with financial irregularities. It is said a naval auditor found shortages of \$4,000 to \$5,000 in Wilson's books. Wilson is a member of the board of appraisal and sales at the naval station.

Bandits Overrunning Haiti Is the Report

Washington, Oct. 21.—So overrun is Haiti with bandits and so incapable of self government are its people, that the United States will be compelled to occupy that island for at least a general statement from Rear Admiral Harry S. Knapp, made public by Secretary Daniels.

One Woman Burned To Death; Two Are Seriously Injured

Los Angeles, Cal., Oct. 21.—(I. N. S.)—One woman was burned to death, another woman and two firemen were seriously injured and a score of firemen and citizens were overcome by smoke and slightly hurt in one of the most spectacular fires in recent years here, which today swept through a five-story brick business building in South Los Angeles street.

While the fire raged, many reports were current that other women were missing and were believed to have perished, but this afternoon Fire Chief Scott announced that a thorough search had failed to reveal any more.

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GERMAN SOP DRIVES VOTES TO COX CAMP

Red-Blooded Americans Resent Separate Peace Slogan Which Is Sweeping Teutonic Districts; Women Turning to League.

Sioux City, Iowa, Oct. 21.—Separate peace with Germany if the Republicans take office and reject the League of Nations, is the slogan employed by Republican campaign speakers in Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota whenever they visit a German community. The result has been a turning away of all Americans from Republican ranks in these communities. Bismarck, Neb., and Hamburg, Iowa, two German localities, are especially good examples of this type of propaganda. A straw vote taken in both places early in July showed Cox in the lead 800 to 700. Cox can hardly get a vote now.

The effect, however, has been anything but beneficial to the Republican party in the upper Missouri valley. Mothers' clubs in many cities and towns in South Dakota and Iowa are coming up for the League of Nations. In many instances the women leaders are the wives of men who are staunch Republican standard bearers.

MERCHANTS BOYCOTTED At Edgemont, S. D., the women of the community refused to do their shopping with any merchant who displays the pictures of Harding and Coolidge in his windows. In all its history Edgemont never knew a Democratic office holder. The same was true of a number of small towns in Western Nebraska.

Straw votes taken by the Sioux City Journal, a rabid Republican daily, from their territory over Iowa, Nebraska and South Dakota, where they have a large circulation, shows the following: Harding (Republican)..... 800 Cox (Democratic)..... 797 Debs (Socialist)..... 106 Christensen (Farm Labor)..... 42 Watkins (Prohibition)..... 11 Four years ago the "straw vote" turned made by papers in the upper Missouri valley states ran about in this ratio: Hughes (Republican)..... 450 Wilson (Socialist)..... 35 Debs (Socialist)..... 28 WOMEN ARE FACTORS

In those days neither Iowa, South Dakota nor Nebraska had woman suffrage and the first two states went Republican in the national election.

The entire territory for which this ballot is taken is normally Republican. All political leaders admit that the votes for Debs, Christensen and Watkins are drawn from Republican ranks. These votes are to be found among the working men who are displeased with the attitude relative to the "no strike laws" and among the farmers who blame the Republicans for dropping the bottom out of the corn market.

It was noted that in every instance where a woman marked a straw ballot she voted for Cox. With the majority of women voting for Cox and at least a third of the men taking the same stand, while the laboring class and the farmers vote for their candidates, the Democratic possibilities in the upper Missouri valley states are taking on a bright aspect.

In Harding county, S. D., a place that seldom has a Democratic candidate on the ballot, a straw vote shows three times as many votes for Cox as for Harding. The reverse was true four years ago.

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The car struck the end of the crowbar and threw Birchard to the ground. His skull was fractured and he was dead before the arrival of the ambulance. The body was taken to the morgue and an inquest will be held tonight. Witnesses stated that the streetcar was traveling at a moderate rate of speed.

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ADJUSTMENT NEEDED

"Application of rates under the increase recently granted the roads will need much readjustment, but a satisfactory arrangement for all shippers should be evolved before long."

"Another great problem confronting the Union Pacific, as well as other roads, is the maintenance of a proper amount of equipment. Three thousand refrigerator cars are scheduled to go into service on the system this month and 2000 coal cars should go into service in November. The boxes supply of the company always has been good, the only thing that is needed is more of them."

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Pacific Coast Must Bid at Once for Trade Of Manchuria

German business houses at Harbin, Manchuria, have become so aggressive in capturing the trade of Siberia that American business must become active immediately if it wishes to participate.

This statement was made this morning by Boris P. Milovich, commercial attaché of the consulate of Russia at San Francisco, who is spending the day here in an effort to gain support of Portland merchants to a plan of sending an American commercial exhibit to Siberia.

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NEW ENGLAND RECEPTION OF COX JOYOUS

Supposed Republican Strongholds Flock to Hear Democratic Nominee, Who Finds Independent Thought Is Leaving Harding.

A League Would Have Prevented Great War, Declared Earl Gray

If in the critical days of July and August of 1914, I could have met the statesmen of the great powers in conference for nine days, or NINE HOURS, the world war would have been averted.—Earl Gray, British secretary of foreign affairs, in 1914.

By Herbert W. Walker En Route With Governor Cox, Wilmington, Del., Oct. 21.—(U. P.)—Governor James A. Cox, as he began his stump campaign in Delaware and Maryland today, declared political events have taken such a decided turn within the last two weeks that "there are incipient manifestations of a landslide" for his candidacy.

"If I am any judge of crowd psychology," he said, "the undercurrent of independent thought is growing so rapidly since Senator Harding declared at Des Moines for rejection of the League of Nations covenant that it is engulfing the party wall."

RECEPTION IS JOYOUS Cox' optimism was due in some measure to the receptions he received during the last two days in New England, generally considered a Republican stronghold.

Only two set speeches were on the governor's schedule today, one here and one in Baltimore.

Cox was expecting a reply from Ellhu Root in response to a telegraphic demand that the former secretary of state retract a recent statement that "Mr. Cox declared he will insist upon the treaty just as Mr. Wilson negotiated it."

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