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ACCIDENT IS NOW THOUGHT TO HAVE BEEN PREMEDITATED

Authorities Are Trying to Learn Who Pushed Ford Off Road

DETECTIVES ASSIGNED

Automobile Manufacturer Feels Certain That Some One Tried to Kill Him

DETROIT, Mar. 31.—Encouraging reports came from the hospital suite where Henry Ford is recovering from injuries which he received Sunday night. Word was sent from the hospital at 11 o'clock that Ford has passed a comfortable night and has enjoyed a light breakfast.

Authorities are still trying to learn who forced the coupe, driven by Ford, off the highway. There is a lot of talk of a plot to take the billionaire's life. At least, one man who was close to Ford believes that his injuries were not the result of the casual accident, and Ford himself suspects that some one tried to kill him. He has pronounced that the circumstances looked suspicious. But the police and the federal authorities are open minded.

Detectives Hired

DETROIT, Mar. 31.—Five detectives have been assigned to learn the identity of the driver of the automobile which crowded the coupe Henry Ford was driving off the road Sunday, but there was no evidence to indicate that the manufacturer's injuries were the result of a deliberate attempt to injure him.

The fact that a mysterious automobile was seen loitering in the vicinity of the Ford laboratories on the night of the accident, however, strengthened the theory that Ford had been followed to the River Rouge bridge.

Ray Dahlinger, superintendent of the Ford estate, said the manufacturer told him the larger car had followed him from the laboratory and cut in on him at a rapid rate.

Dahlinger was the first man to see Ford after he was injured.

Side Swiped Coupe

"Mr. Ford said that the big car sideswiped his coupe and wrenched the steering wheel from his hand," Dahlinger said. "The coupe jumped over a five inch curb and rolled down a 15 foot embankment.

Ford company officials admitted that "others besides police were working on the case."

From a reliable source it was learned that the federal court where Aaron Sapiro is suing Henry Ford for a million dollar for alleged libel, had put a detective to work on the incident. A watchman at the Ford laboratories, from which the manufacturer was driving home when his car was crowded off the road, said he had seen a large car standing in front of the laboratories building while Ford was inside. It started up, he said, a few minutes after Ford.

Police Working

Fred Faustman, chief of police in Dearborn, where Ford's small car rolled down an embankment, said he had taken personal charge of the investigation in an attempt to learn who was driving the larger car and why it had sideswiped Ford's car. "Other than that there is nothing to say," Faustman said. "Reports of a plot on Mr. Ford's life are absurd and irresponsible. Any one would realize on second thought that persons seeking to harm Mr. Ford would not go about it in that way."

Officials of the Ford Motor Co., and Mrs. Edsel Ford agreed in statements to the United News that none save "perhaps some irresponsible reports," as Mrs. Ford expressed it, held the theory that Ford had been the victim of a malicious attack.

Meanwhile reports from the Henry Ford hospital indicated that the motor car magazine was improving rapidly, although he will have to remain in bed for perhaps two weeks.

HUNDREDS WATCH SMELT IN THEIR ANNUAL RUN

Gunny Sacks, Wash Boilers and Other Utensils Used for Fishing

TROUTDALE, Mar. 31.—(UN) Fish so plentiful that they can be picked out of a stream by hand may be some fisherman's idea of a dream, but to Oregon's disciples of Isaac Walton, it is a reality.

For the annual smelt run of the Pacific northwest is on full blast. The smelt, on their way up the Sandy river to their spawning grounds, must pass through Troutdale and it is to this town that hundreds of persons have flocked to witness the unique sight, and incidentally to take home a sackful.

On the banks of the river and even in the water, men and women are to be seen scooping up the tiny fish with various contrivances. Gunny sacks are preferable, but a number of wash boilers, tubs and buckets, even discarded bird cages are in evidence.

James Narr, a fishing contractor, who has an agreement with the Oregon state fish commission to catch a minimum of 50 tons of the finny species, has complained that there is a shortage. Narr says he fished all night Tuesday, but could catch only 11 tons.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION CLASS PROGRAM

The students of the Washington Grade School and several girls of the Junior and Senior high schools, are putting on a Physical Education program at the Junior high gymnasium at 7:45 the evening of April 1. The purpose of the program is to demonstrate to the people of Ashland the type of physical education work is being done throughout these schools. All numbers on the program will be examples of the regular class room work. The work put on by the grade school is under the direction of the class room teachers, and that by the Junior and Senior high school girls directed by Miss Mildred Crain, physical training director. The High School orchestra will furnish the music for the program.

The program is as follows:

- Grand March—Junior and Senior High School girls.
- Humpy-Dumpy — 1st grade with 2nd Grade Trio.
- Shoemaker's Dance — 1-2-3 Grades.
- Story Play—3rd Grade.
- Games—2nd Grade.
- Stunts—5th and 6th Grade Boys.
- Health Talk—Mrs. Bertha Denton.
- Sleigh Bells-Clog—3rd and 4th Grades.
- Advanced Marching Tactics—High School Girls.
- Folk Dance—5th and 6th Grade girls.
- Gymnastics—7B, 8A, 9B girls.
- Dumbbell Drill—Senior High School girls.
- Folk Dance—Senior High School Girls.
- Circle Relay Race—7-8-9 Grade girls.
- Advanced Gymnastics—Senior High girls.
- "Wonderful One Hoss Shay" Race—Junior High Vs. Senior High.

The public is cordially invited to attend. No admission.

DEFENSE ATTEMPTS TO BECOME JURORS

EUGENE, Mar. 31.—An effort was made to place in the minds of the jurors sitting in the first degree murder trial of Albert Brownlee, substantial doubt as to who actually fired the shot that killed Eston Hooker, a posseman made in his defense a final plea today.

According to the evidence brought out by the state it was shown that Hooker was 80 feet from Brownlee and was 81-2 feet higher with only his head showing above a stump. The question was raised as to whether the fatal shot couldn't easily have been fired by Frank Hooker, uncle of the youth.

NATIONALIST'S OFFER TO PAY FOR DAMAGE TO FOREIGNERS

General Asks for Proof That His Soldiers Were Responsible

OPPOSED TO DEFENSE

Presence of Foreign Troops Cause Tense Situation Among Chinese

SHANGHAI, Mar. 31.—Marshal Chang Kai Shek commander of the Nationalist army today promised to indemnify foreigners or foreign nations for the destruction of life and property at Nanking provided that it is proved that the Nationalist soldiers were responsible for last week's incident of the Yangtze river port. Chang received foreign newspaper men in a conference and made this statement to them. He protested against the comprehensive arrangement made for the defense of Shanghai and said that defense preparations and the presence of war ships and soldiers had caused a growing tension between the Chinese and foreigners.

The threatened strike is in the nature of a protest against the British dominance in business activities here, and the British occupation of concession rights.

During the present lull in anti-foreign antagonism, two of the leading Cantonese officials are expected to confer with militarists here.

T. V. Soong of the Cantonese cabinet arrived already has arrived and Eugene Chen, Cantonese foreign minister, who has carried on all negotiations with the foreign countries since the riots in Hankow, is expected soon.

American and British officials and business men feel that unless strong action is taken by their home government the position built up by foreigners in China during the last half century will be lost.

IRRIGATION DISTRICT WILL BUILD SYPHON

Thirty Five Thousand to Be Spent Within Next Few Months

Members of the Talent Irrigation district by a vote of 116 to 29 yesterday passed upon the building of a siphon across Bear Creek and the construction of a ditch about five miles long to Wagner Creek.

This will give about nine hundred acres that has been irrigated by the flood water from the Applegate district water rights equal to that of others in the district. The measure was carried in both the district as a whole and in the improvement district the vote in the last named area being 33 to 6. Work will be started as soon as possible, according to Superintendent Olin Arnsperger, and it is thought that the siphon and ditch will be completed by the first of August. The siphon will be of welded steel, and will be placed underground. The cost of the work will be around \$35,000.

GRANTS PASS BOYS ATTEND CONFERENCE

Secretary of Y. M. C. A. Visits Neighboring Cities for Boys Meeting

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FORMER OFFICIAL DIES IN PORTLAND

PORTLAND, Mar. 31.—Charles B. Spense, until recently state market agent and former master of the Oregon Farm Grange, died at his home today following a prolonged illness.

He became ill in December and a major operation was performed on January 7.

MANY ARE EXPECTED AT O. E. S. MEETING

Worthy Grand Matron Will Attend Meeting Next Tuesday

Five or six hundred people will be in Ashland next Tuesday, April 5, to greet the worthy grand matron of Oregon, O. E. S., Mrs. Lenora Kerr of Corvallis, who makes her official visit to this section. She will be accompanied by the associate grand matron, Mrs. Margaret Barnes of Grants Pass.

A district meeting of Alpha chapter of Ashland, Aloha chapter of Klamath Falls, Adarel chapter of Jacksonville and Reames chapter of Medford, will be held in the Masonic hall on the same evening, and will be preceded by a banquet in the Lithia Springs hotel at 6 p. m. Anyone wishing reservations for the banquet may phone Mrs. F. F. Whittle.

NEW DIRECTORS NAMED

The new directors for the ensuing year in the Chamber of Commerce according to the results of the election will be G. H. Billings, Dr. E. L. Burdick, O. F. Carson, G. G. Eubanks, L. H. Hanson and J. H. McGee. The voting was not as heavy as had been anticipated.

Sellwood — Bank of Sellwood to be remodeled at cost of \$25,000.

IN THE BIG LEAGUES

CLEVELAND INDIANS

1926 line-up—Jameson H. Spurgeon 2b, Speaker cf, Burns 1b, J. Sewell ss, Summa rf, L. Sewell c, Lutsk 3b.

1927 line-up—Jameson H. Spurgeon 2b, Summa rf, Burns 1b, J. Sewell ss, Gerken or Neill, cf, L. Sewell c, Lutsk 3b.

Stand pat and pray that who ever eventually occupies the Speaker's shoes doesn't rat out around in them too much.

Such is Jack McAllister's plan for his first season as manager with the Cleveland Indians.

McAllister has inherited a good ball club, one which was good enough to gain second place in 1926, but one which miffed Speaker so much that it will be lucky to head the second division this year.

A month in Florida has demonstrated the futility of waiting for fate to produce a center fielder who can swoop under fly balls like the old "grey eagle," and hit around 350 for 150 games or so.

Speaker's Old Place

Homer Summa has been moved up to Speaker's old place in the batting order, but remains in right field, a position in which he led the American league in defensive play last season. Summa hit .30 in 1926, but he isn't a heavy stick—and is far from "Spoke's" equal at bat. And in Homer's old place in the line-up there will be either Gerken or

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FIRE IN PORTLAND

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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH HAS ANNUAL MEETING

One Hundred and Fifty Attend Annual Dinner Meeting

The annual meeting of the First Presbyterian church opened with a dinner at 6:15 last night, attended by 150 people.

Reports of the various organizations were made, showing favorable results as all reported bills paid and a slight amount in the treasury. Although the resident membership has been depleted by removal and is slightly under two hundred yet the church has given to benevolences and Missions over \$2800.

One new society has been organized during the year an Intermediate Christian Endeavor society.

The following officers were elected for a term of 3 years: Elders to succeed themselves, W. M. Wright, A. H. Hays and C. B. Lamkin; J. H. Turner to fill out the unexpired term of A. Andrews removed, and W. P. Walter the unexpired term of Mr. Lyman, deceased. Trustees elected were Sunday M. Day to succeed himself; Charles Robertson to take the unexpired term of J. H. Turner and S. D. Taylor the unexpired term of William Graham, removed. Wirt M. Wright was elected as Sunday School superintendent for the ensuing year. G. M. Frost was a selected clerk of the Board of Elders. L. H. Harner, chairman of the Trustees; Wilmer Poley, secretary of the Trustees; Mrs. A. Wick, financial secretary; Miss Florence Allen will continue as director of the choir with Miss Imogene Wallace as organist. Miss Gertie Haan will be secretary of the Sunday school.

MANY MINERS ARE EXPECTED TO GO OUT ON STRIKE ORDERS

Approximately Fifty Thousand Men Will Leave Coal Fields Tonight

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WAGES CAUSE DISPUTE

Operators and Miners Fail to Agree Upon a New Wage Basis After Negotiating

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PLAY GROUND TO OPEN JUNE FIRST

It was learned this morning from Hal McNair, one of the members on the Park board, that the apparatus for the playground in Lithia park, would be put up and ready for use by June first.

KIWANIS HELPS GIRLS

The Ashland Kiwanians have kindly donated to the Camp Fire Girls a year's rent for their cabin on Terrace street.

This gift is very much appreciated as was also the other donations among which are a cook stove and a heating stove \$5 toward the rent from Mrs. Denton; lumber donated by Messrs Jordan and Sparr and the Carson Fowler Lumber Co., and one month's rent from Mrs. Peruzzi. The electric wiring was done by Guy Good and Mr. Brower.

CITY BONDS BRING AN EXCELLENT PRICE

Interest Rate on the Larger Issue Fixed at Four and Three Fourths

At a special meeting of the city council held last night at 5 o'clock for the purpose of approving the bids for the \$90,000 worth of city improvement bonds the bids were awarded to the following:

The \$75,000 bid was awarded to A. D. Wakeman Co., and Wells Dickey Co., of Portland. The bidder fixed the interest rate at 4 3/4 percent interest, and they offered to pay par, accrued interest and \$100.665 for each \$100 worth of bonds.

The \$15,000 bid was awarded to Pierce Fair and Co., of Portland and they were to bear 5 percent interest, par, accrued interest and \$101.073 for each \$100 worth of bonds. Councillmen and others were jubilant over the price received for the larger issue, the interest rate being lower than was anticipated and the premium will amount to more than \$480.

Rufus — New John Day bridge completed and road opened for traffic.

PASSENGERS TO HAVE NEW PLANE

PORTLAND, Mar. 31.—(UN) A definite step toward perfection of passenger travel by air was taken here today when Vern C. Gorst, president of the Pacific Air Transport company ordered a new air cabin monoplane for use on the coastwise air mail and passenger route.

The enclosed ship will be started on its way to the coast from the Travel air factory at Wichita, Kansas, if weather condition are favorable and should arrive here early next week.

It is so planned to place the ship in operation between San Francisco and Los Angeles, but later it will be used for passenger transportation over the coast air route.

The monoplane will carry either four passengers and a mail carrier or six passengers without the mail.

SEEMS TO BE A HARD GUY TO ELIMINATE

Nicaraguan Situation

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