

TWO LOSE LIFE AS AUTO TRUCK GOES OFF GRADE

Fatal Accident on Siskiyou Highway Saturday Evening—Truck Loaded With Workmen Returning With Groceries From Hill—Central Point Man Among Victims.

William Thomas Stidham, 49 years old, of Central Point, was killed outright, and George Robinson, about 45 years of age, of Portland, suffered injuries from which he died at 1 o'clock Sunday morning at the Granite City hospital, Ashland, as a result of a heavy G. M. C. truck, in which they were riding, going over a grade on the Pacific highway, 162 feet south of the Oregon boundary line, about 9:30 o'clock on Saturday night. Two Italians received dangerous, although probably not fatal, injuries in the same accident, and also are at the Granite city hospital.

Stidham's death resulted from his head having been badly crushed, and Robinson's death was caused by internal injuries. Stidham was a roller employed at the Davis camp, and Robinson was a rock spreader.

Bought Groceries.

The big truck left the Van Horn and Davis camps of the engineers who are working on the Siskiyou section of the Pacific highway at 7 o'clock on Saturday night, carrying 11 employees of the two groups and the truck's driver, William Hill and Hill's wife. The members of the party went to Hill and purchased groceries for the ensuing week, remaining in Hill less than an hour. It is authentically denied by the coroner and other persons qualified to bear witness that any member of the party was in an intoxicated condition, or even "drinking."

On the return run from Hill, while less than 60 yards from the Oregon line, the truck driver saw an automobile approaching, traveling southward. It is alleged by some of the occupants of the truck that the driver of the automobile failed to "dim" his lights, but the identity of the car and driver were not established at the inquest, which was held at Hill on Sunday.

Drove on Soft Earth.

For some reason, seemingly not explained clearly at the inquest, Driver Hill of the truck turned to the right, where the dirt was new, soft and unpacked, instead of to the left, as the custom of the road directs, and the front wheels of the huge machine began to sink and the fresh earth started to loosen and yield toward the edge of the embankment.

Chauffeur Hill's efforts to avert the impending tragedy, whatever they were, proved unavailing, and the Leviathan "tank" speeded down 70 feet to the boulder-encrusted bottom of the 25 per cent grade, undamaged. The truck on Sunday morning was driven back up the grade onto the road, without any repairs having been necessary.

Exonerated by Jury.

Hill was held in custody at Hill jail until absolved from blame for the accident by a coroner's jury on Sunday.

Stidham's remains were brought to the family residence at Central Point on Sunday night, and will be buried from there at 10 o'clock Tuesday morning. Robinson's body probably will be shipped to Lents, Ore., where a sister and brother-in-law reside.

First aid to the injured persons was rendered by the "Stag" Itney, which, with a load of passengers, was following the truck. The Itney brought Robinson and those less seriously injured to Ashland, and its passengers rendered all the aid possible.

PRISON TERMS FOR NEGRO SOLDIERS

SAN ANTONIO, Texas, Sept. 3.—Six negro soldiers of the Twenty-Fourth infantry, who clashed with the civil police, and the troops sent to subdue them at Waco on the night of July 20, were found guilty of violation of the 103rd article of war before the general court martial held recently at Camp MacArthur, Waco. Five of the men were sentenced to five years at hard labor in the United States penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kas. The sixth man received ten years. All were sentenced to be dishonorably discharged from the service and to forfeit all pay and allowances due or to become due while in confinement under the sentence.

SERBIA TO MOVE CAPITAL BACK TO THE BALKANS

Government Preparing to Transfer Administration for Sentimental Reasons—Not Much Property Involved, as Practically All Was Lost in Whirl of Flight.

CORFU, ISLAND OF CORFU, Aug. 6.—(Correspondence of the Associated Press)—The Serbian government is preparing to move its entire government establishment back to the Balkans, going first to Salonika and later to a point on Serbian soil near Monastir. The Greek government has already granted the request for the establishment of the Serbian administration at Salonika and King Peter, Crown Prince Alexander and several of the cabinet ministers are now installed there.

There is much sentiment about this shift of Serbia back to its native soil. Since their tragic flight before the invading hordes from the north, king, regent and government have found a temporary asylum on this island. They have lived simply, and the whole establishment has been located in a modest building formerly used as a hotel. The royal apartments and the ministry of foreign affairs occupied the first floor, while the finance, interior and other ministries were on the upper floors. The French military authorities of the island have given every aid, and yet the Serbians have constantly longed to be back on their own soil.

Little Property Lost.

This shift of a government back to the Balkans does not involve much moving of government property, for practically everything was lost in the flight before the invader. The minister of foreign affairs, M. Paschitz, told the writer that all the foreign archives were lost or abandoned during the exodus, and that not one of the old treaties or papers still exists. Even the previous secret treaty between Serbia and Greece, on which Serbia depended for united Balkan action against the central powers, was lost in the whirl of flight. So that the foreign department has had to begin all over again and piece together something like a record of Serbia's foreign relations.

The minister of finance was more fortunate and managed to save most of the financial archives. What was of most importance, he saved the government treasure, amounting to several million dollars, which was sent to Marseilles and finally landed in a Paris bank.

The minister of the interior has already gone on to Salonika and is laying out the extensive work of reconstructing the new Serbia, for the Serbs confidently look forward to re-occupying their old territory and building up a new and greater state. The minister has outlined plans for reconstructing the railways and bridges, most of which have been ruined by war operations, and for rebuilding the towns and cities.

Holding Together Serbs.

The minister of education is also hard at work, trying to hold together the scattered remnants of young Serbia. Thousands of refugee Serb children have been scattered up in France and England, and Serbian professors have been provided for them in order that Serb teaching and traditions might be maintained, and the youths of Serbia preserved from being swallowed up in the general disaster which has overcome the country.

The American government's advance of 5,000,000 francs a month, or 60,000,000 francs a year, has come at an opportune moment to permit the authorities here to carry on their work of relief and reconstruction. All government revenues had virtually come to an end. There were no receipts from customs or internal revenues, nothing from the government postal and telegraph system which was in the hands of the enemy, no property of any kind to tax, and no people capable of paying taxes. And so the American help was essential and came in the nick of time. All the Serbian officials express their deepest sense of gratitude for what the United States has done for them, both in this advance, and in the vast amount of private relief sent earlier in the war.

H. Perceval Dodge, the newly appointed American diplomatic representative to the Serbian government, has arrived with his family, and has had his first audience with the officials. They are glad to have this direct relation reestablished with the United States, and it was considered so urgent that telegraphic negotiations were opened with Mr. Lansing to bring it about.

ITALIAN DRIVE CONTINUES ON ISONZO FRONT

Notwithstanding Bad Weather, Fighting Nets Progress Against Austrians—Captured Men Are Most Fresh Troops in Fine Condition—Counter-Attacks Costly.

ROME, Sept. 3.—Italian troops have fought their way forward in the Brestovizza valley in the district south of Gorizia, and repulsed a violent Austrian counter-attack on their new positions; the war office announced today.

UDINE, Sept. 3.—Notwithstanding bad weather conditions, fighting still continues all along the Italian-Austrian line and consists for the most part in isolated hand-to-hand encounters between small detachments of Italian and Austrian soldiers, the latter imprisoned by the Italian artillery fire in galleries, the mouths of which have been closed by shell fire. Austrian defenders remain in these galleries several days without food or munitions. The attacking forces are strengthening out the new line by cutting out salients still held by small groups of Austrians, who are unable either to advance or retreat and are obliged to surrender. Counter-offensives by the Austrians, in which they are supported by reinforcements, are being continually repulsed and onlly portions of lost positions remain in Italian hands.

Mostly Fresh Troops.

The prisoners taken during the last four or five days are for the most part fresh troops, in excellent physical condition and well equipped, showing the immense effort the enemy is making to save the situation. Notwithstanding that the Italians had not lost a yard of the gained ground, serious attacks on a comparatively large scale north of Monte Sangabrie and east of Gorizia have been repulsed with heavy losses to the enemy and show that the Austrians appreciate the importance of this position, which gives access to the whole plain of Gorizia.

The enemy still maintains fire on Monte Santo, altho he has no hopes of conquering it. Along with these individual combats continues the artillery duel with the Ronovichi army possessing more than 4000 cannon of all calibers. The Austrians have transformed the favorite playground in the Panovizza woods, southeast of Gorizia, into an immense artillery park, from which they pour a continuous rain of fire to the north.

Airplane Attack.

During the last battle Panovizza wood was the scene of a spirited attack by Italian airplanes, which to distract the enemy's attention from the infantry, flew low over the woods, just grazing the tree tops and dropped several tons of explosives, from which clouds of smoke arose so dense as to obscure the view from the Austrian lines and enabled the infantry to creep over the Gargano basin.

An Austrian contingent with machine guns concealed on the north slope of Hermada threatened the Italian position at Selo from the rear. Shelling failed to dislodge the Austrians and two columns of infantry finally were sent against them with the bayonet, capturing the entire party.

SENATE TO HONOR MEN IN THE ARMY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—By unanimous consent the senate today agreed to recess tomorrow afternoon so that members may participate with President Wilson in the parade in honor of District of Columbia men drafted into the national army.

BOARD TO PROBE DEFECTIVE CARTRIDGES

WASHINGTON, Sept. 3.—The appointment of a board to investigate the causes of defects in cartridges sent to forces in France was recommended today by Brigadier-General Crozier, chief of ordnance, in a letter to Brigadier-General McCain.

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Here are the grand totals of production upon which taxes were paid: Distilled spirits from every source—rye, corn, wheat, apples, peaches, pears, pineapples, oranges, apricots, berries, prunes, figs and cherries—164,665,240 gallons, an increase of 26,000,000 gallons over the previous year, yielding a tax return of \$186,563,055.

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Cigars of all descriptions, weight, 9,216,901,113—approximately 90 per capita, as compared with 8,337,720,530 the previous year. Cigarettes 30,529,193,538, as compared with 21,087,757,078, an increase of more than 40 percent.

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ceeding that of the previous year, fell considerably below the high record of 66,000,000 barrels in 1914.

Taxes were paid last year a 60,729,599 barrels at \$1.50 a barrel, and other taxes on brewers and retailers brought the total up to \$91,897,193, against \$88,771,194.

Other tax receipts included those on oleomargarine, \$1,995,720; special taxes on bankers, corporations, brokers, theaters, bowling alleys, commission merchants, etc., \$15,768,733; documentary stamps and perfumes \$8,926,310; estates \$6,076,575; excess profits \$37,176; munitions, \$27,663,940, and miscellaneous \$2,093,853, bringing the total ordinary receipts up to \$449,712,412. Income taxes of \$359,581,228 brought the grand total, including the Alaskan railways tax of \$33,256, up to \$809,393,610, as compared with \$512,723,288 the year before.

The cost of collecting the revenue was approximately \$9.63 per \$1,000, or .95 percent, the lowest on record.

PLAN TO OUST THOMPSON

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for tomorrow to take action against Mayor Thompson.

"We hope," said Mr. Merrick, "to institute through the proper channels



WILLIAM H. THOMPSON

the city council and the state council of defense—a movement which, if it does not oust the mayor from his position, will at least take the police

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force out of his hands. We believe that the city council has the power to do this.

A body calling itself the American Liberty league, said to be composed of women and affiliated with the so-called "People's council," met at a hotel this forenoon, under the leadership of Miss Crystal Eastman and resolved to go to Washington to "pick-et" the celebration of conscription day there, September 5. The picketing, it was said, would consist in the display of banners after the fashion of the suffragists.

BACKACHE SOON DISAPPEARED

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Under the direction of Director-General J. Gordon Edwards, an entire Hawaiian village was built in St. Augustine, Florida, and more than two thousand people were used, in addition to a regiment of United States regular troops, to make this production one of the greatest Miss Bara has recently appeared in. Her remarkable feats of daredevil horsemanship were a revelation to everyone who had the good fortune to see Miss Bara, at the head of the United States troops, lead in a spectacular charge and later, when shot, fall to the ground while her mount was still racing at a furious pace.

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