

5 INJURED WHEN JITNEY SMASHES AGAINST BUGGY

When the Grants Pass jitney driven by its owner, W. E. McCracken, crashed into a buggy that was being towed by Clarence Eads behind one of the Eads auto trucks, on the Pacific highway near the brick schoolhouse between Medford and Central Point, about 7 o'clock last evening, five persons were injured, but none seriously, and the jitney and buggy were badly smashed. It seems almost miraculous that no one was killed or seriously injured.

McCracken was placed under arrest after the accident by Night Policeman Perl Davis, under orders from County Prosecutor Roberts on the charge of running his jitney faster than the legal limit of twenty-five miles an hour. It is possible that other charges—one pertaining to bootlegging—may be preferred against McCracken, and his trial this afternoon is expected to bring out sensational developments.

List of Injured.

Of the injured, Mrs. David Miller of Gold Hill was the most seriously hurt, and she is still at the Sacred Heart hospital suffering from cuts, bruises and shock. The others injured were: John Dunnington of Jacksonville; Allan McClanahan, 15-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McClanahan of this city; E. J. Homberger, traveling salesman of San Francisco, and Miss Hazel Roberts of Arcata, Cal., one of Medford's new school teachers.

Rachael Eads, young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Eads, who was riding in the buggy with Allan McClanahan, escaped injury, as did McCracken. All of the injured except young McClanahan were passengers in the jitney.

Blinded by Headlights.

McCracken claims that he was blinded by the headlights of an approaching car and never saw either the truck or the buggy until he crashed into it. He claims that there were no rear lights on either the buggy or truck, and that he was only running at a speed of twenty miles an hour.

The passengers claim that McCracken's breath smelled strongly of liquor and that all the way from Grants Pass he had acted strangely, laughing and talking, and that several times he was cautioned to cease driving so fast and to drive more carefully.

When the collision occurred the buggy and front part of the jitney were smashed and the jitney was overturned on its occupants. Suit cases containing liquor are said to have been partially smashed, but disappeared in the attending excitement.

Injured Cared For.

Dr. R. J. Conroy, who happened to be driving near by when the accident occurred, was soon on the scene, caring for the injured.

Other arriving autoists took the injured to Sacred Heart hospital, where their injuries were attended to, except Dunnington, who was badly cut and bruised. He was taken to his home at Jacksonville by an unknown autoist, who also picked up and took with him one of the suit cases containing bottles of liquor. This man later claimed that he threw the suit case and contents away between Medford and Jacksonville.

The passengers claim that while the jitney was en route to Medford from Grants Pass, McCracken stopped at a store at Gold Hill and took a suit case inside, and after a moment returned with it and continued the journey to Medford. Several of the passengers say that they think it contained whisky.

McCracken Arrested.

Shortly after the accident and after McCracken had arrived in the city, Night Policeman Perl Davis took him in custody and telephoned to County Prosecutor Roberts as to what to do with him. Prosecutor Roberts ordered that McCracken be placed under arrest on the charge of exceeding the speed limit.

McCracken was arrested in August 24 last for being intoxicated in the afternoon on the business streets of the city and was fined \$12.35 by Police Judge Taylor. Since that time it is claimed that complaints have reached the police that McCracken was guilty of drinking while driving the jitney between the two cities.

County Prosecutor Roberts planned Thursday to have McCracken's jitney license revoked as soon as possible. All of the passengers who were in the jitney at the time of the accident and Mr. Eads were subpoenaed as witnesses for the trial this afternoon.

Miss Hazel Roberts was en route to Medford to report for duty to Superintendent of Schools, H. H. From her California home she took the Crescent City stage to Grants Pass

DIMMERS CAUSE OF AUTO ACCIDENT INJURING BOYL

The Roseburg News gives the following account of the auto accident that befell R. H. Boyle of this city Monday evening near Roseburg:

"Mr. Boyle had left the city early in the evening and was driving toward Dixonville, and at a point about a quarter of a mile this side of the Snick farm met another car occupied by Grant McLaughlin and Mace Tipton, who were en route to Roseburg from the fish hatchery on the North Umpqua. On seeing the approaching car, Mr. Boyle at once dimmed his lights, but being unfamiliar with the road at this particular point, and a new fill of loose dirt having just recently been made at the curve in the road, drove too close to the edge. His 'dimmers' not lending sufficient light to see any distance ahead, his car lunged over the embankment, turned completely over and then righted itself. Had it not been for a number of small maple trees the machine would have continued its wild flight and landed in the creek, only a few feet distant from where it lodged.

"The occupants of the incoming car did not see the machine go over the embankment, but heard the crash of the wind shield and at once alighted from their machine and returned to the scene of the accident. Here they found the injured man lying on the ground and in great pain. He had been thrown from the car on its first turn and probably received his injuries when the machine passed over his body."

CHICAGO, Sept. 27.—Declaring Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin to be the "most sinister foe of democracy in this country," Theodore Roosevelt, in a speech on "The Children of the Melting Pot," here last night, launched a scorching philippic at pacifists in general and unpreparedness.

yesterday, and from Grants Pass took the jitney for this city rather than wait for the train, which would get her in late last night.

It was reported to the police today that in the accident, or immediately afterwards, a purse containing \$48, belonging to Mrs. Miller, was lost, no trace of which has yet been found.

\$135 RECEIVED FOR BOOKS FOR TROOPS ON BATTLE LINE

Reading matter for American camps, cantonments and ships must be provided. Hardly anything can give greater pleasure, comfort and relaxation. Letters from the trenches tell a almost pitiful tale of the way in which every printed piece of paper is handed about. There are two ways of trying to meet the need. One, which may be termed the haphazard method, is to collect and forward old magazines and novels for distribution. The other and more satisfactory way is to establish libraries, provides new and selected literature, and circulate the books among the soldiers as is done in free libraries at home.

This last is what the American library association proposes to do on a large scale, systematically, intelligently and effectively. It is engaged in a campaign to raise a million dollars. With this it will buy a million books, establish libraries, put librarians in charge, and maintain a service which in the aggregate will give to our soldiers and sailors an enormous amount of entertainment and information. Plans are already formed to erect library buildings in all the cantonments in this country—twenty-two in number. The estimate of a million dollars for a million books means much more than the phrase suggests, for one dollar will not only purchase a book, but keep it in circulation, pay library expenses, supervision, building and so on. The campaign to raise this library war fund is, we are told, to be paid for by private contributions already made.

The campaign will culminate in an intensive country-wide effort during the present week.

Subscriptions have been coming in to the local library all week and almost \$135 is already on hand. Many districts of the city have been covered with the subscription blanks and it is hoped to cover all. However, the library urges all who are able and willing to help to send the amount to the library in case it should fail to reach them with a personal request. The library board has hopes of raising the entire \$500 by Saturday night.

LARGE AUDIENCE ENJOYS LECTURE ON RATIONAL EUROPE

A large audience enjoyed the benefit given at the Rialto theater Wednesday evening for the local Sacred Heart hospital fund. The big features of the program were the intellectual treat and lecture by Dr. George Rebec on "A Rational Map of Europe After the War" and the showing of the war pictures, "In the Wake of the Guns."

Dr. Rebec handled his subject in a scholarly manner, showing the deep thought he had given the subject, and illustrated his remarks with two large maps of Europe. He did not go into any of the present war features nor discuss the war, but gave his ideas as to a rational and logical peace settlement, with the plan in view of the greatest good to the greatest number, along geographical, economic, racial and lingual lines, among the mixed nations of Europe.

The war moving pictures taken in Belgium and France following the retreat of the German army from certain sections of those war-ridden countries were wonderful in their interest and showed the actual scenes of desolation and ruin left by the Germans; also the close following up of the retreating Germans by por-

tions of the allies, and the work of reconstructing ruined cities and railroads by the allied soldiers.

The evening's program opened with the singing of the "Star-Spangled Banner" by Miss Geraldine Theiss.

GOVERNMENT TO BUY HORSES MONDAY

Government Agent Strawbridge will be in Medford Monday to inspect horses for the war department. All persons having horses (geldings) weighing from 950 to 1400 pounds in good condition, free from blemishes, no whites or greys, are asked to have their horses at Dr. Helm's stables by 10 o'clock Monday morning. Mules are also wanted. Horses will sell from \$135.00 to \$165.00. Mules \$155.00. For particulars, see Claude C. Cate, county agricultural agent.

Many farmers have been selling their horses for \$75.00 to \$100.00 to horse speculators, who have been clearing from \$50 to \$75 a head by re-selling them to the government. Here is an opportunity to sell direct to Uncle Sam.

BRITISH HOLD GAINS

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four separate counter-attacks were made in great strength against our

new front from Tower hamlets to the St. Julien Gravenstafel road.

"Later in the evening the fighting gradually died down, leaving our troops in possession of the ground they had captured during the day."

German Official Report.

BERLIN, Sept. 27.—Especially stubborn fighting occurred yesterday along the roads radiating from Zonnebeke westward and in the evening for possession of Ghelvelst, today's official report says. The village remained in possession of the Germans. Up to the present, the announcement continues, the British have not renewed their attacks. It is stated that at least twelve British divisions were employed without shaking the firmness of the German defense.

The British broke into the German defensive zone to a depth of one kilometer east of St. Julien, to the Ypres-Menin road, where bitter fighting with variable results continued throughout the day. In a fresh assault, the statement says, the British were driven back at many points by the fourth army, gaining even less than in the attack of last week.

On Italian Front.

ROME, Sept. 27.—The Italian official communication today says:

"Along the entire front our gallant patrols have caused damage to the enemy and otherwise harassed him. Prisoners have been taken in the Posina region, and arms and ammunition on the Carso front. Our bombing airplanes have been active."

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