

TRAIN CRASHES AUTO; WOMAN SUFFERS CUTS

Force of Impact Overturns Machine—Three Others Injured in Accidents.

HORSE STAMPEDES MAN

An automobile driven by K. A. Spurgeon, 727 Wheeler avenue, Muncie, was struck by out-bound Monon train No. 36 at Maple Road boulevard early today and K. A. Spurgeon, who was in the cabin, was killed. The train struck the machine, a big sedan, with such force that it was thrown against a hill board and overturned. Mr. Spurgeon escaped injury.

There was a half hour delay before the police learned of the accident and then Motor Officers Klingebiel and Bastin were sent to investigate. Miss Ruth Springer, 915 East Maple Road boulevard, witnessed the accident from her home. Donald H. Springer remained at the scene of the accident and went to the home of L. C. De Haven, 48 West Thirty-Third street, where Mr. and Mrs. Spurgeon had been guests. They had been at the De Haven home after attending a theater and had started to drive to Muncie. It was shortly after 1 o'clock when the accident occurred. The police were notified at 1:40 a. m.

TIRES STOLEN FROM THE WRECKED AUTO.

F. M. McCullough of Chicago was conductor and Cliff Somerville, 771 East Twenty-Seventh street, Indianapolis, engineer of the train. Later in the night the train stopped at the scene of the accident and stopped his automobile near the wrecked automobile and stole a tire valued at \$90. He is also believed to have stolen a beaded purse, the property of Mrs. Spurgeon, which was in the wrecked car. The purse is valued at \$40.

After Mrs. Spurgeon had been taken to the De Haven home Dr. Don J. Miller, 1000 North Meridian street, Dr. Miller stated that Mrs. Spurgeon suffered cuts on her face and one hand and was severely bruised. Her injuries, he stated, were not serious.

Two men were slightly injured in an automobile accident at Washington street and Senate avenue last night. Herbert Hartman, 32, 303 North Meridian street, was slightly injured. Senate avenue of Max Youkelson of the Roosevelt Hotel, a taxi driver, was driving west on Washington street and the automobiles collided. Youkelson was injured and Fred Johnson, a passenger in the taxicab, 1522 Shepard street, was cut and bruised. Hartman escaped injury. Fred Schayor, 284 North Elder avenue, another passenger, was slightly injured.

Ed Powers, 2303 North Pennsylvania street, fell against a passing automobile on Illinois and Ohio streets last night and suffered a severe scalp wound. He was sent to the city hospital in an automobile by police officers.

Fred Mollenkamp, 48, 307 East Market street, attempted to hold the horse which had bolted. Mollenkamp, at an early age, was driving a team of horses at Washington street and Jefferson avenue last night. The horse knocked him down and the wagon to which the horse was hitched passed over Mollenkamp's body. Physicians at the city hospital said he had four broken ribs.

PLANS FOR NEW FIRE BUILDINGS

Works Board Names Architects for Improvements.

Bass, Knowlton & Co. have been appointed architects for the two new fire houses to be constructed as part of the department motorization plan, it was announced at the board of works office today.

While the fire department is under the control of the board of public safety, the board of works has charge of the erection of buildings since all public buildings fall under its care.

It is estimated that the two new houses, one of which is to be located in West Indianapolis and another some where on the south side, will cost approximately \$80,000 each. The city council recently appropriated \$3,500 to the board of works to pay the architects, who are to receive 5 per cent of the contract price of the buildings, providing their commission is not in excess of \$3,500.

Victim of Nightmare Takes a High Dive

DENVER, March 17.—Henry Lettau, 21, has two outstanding characteristics—he is hard-headed and he doesn't like soldiers.

In an attempt to escape, in a dream, from soldiers who were pursuing him (also in a dream), Henry leaped through the window of his room on the second floor of a lodging house. Although he fell fifteen feet and landed head foremost, Lettau landed on his feet.

C. F. Norred, a special officer, heard a noise in Lettau's room as he was passing the door. Looking through the transom he saw Lettau rolling on the floor and kicking vigorously. As Norred went to get assistance, he heard a loud crash and found Lettau hitting on the ground outside his window, moaning.

Lettau had broken the window glass and suffered cuts about the head and face from the broken pane. He explained to the police surgeon that it all happened while he was dreaming.

Officers Installed by Post 3 of Legion

Officers were installed at a meeting of George Dewey Post No. 3, American Legion, at a meeting in the Chamber of Commerce last night. The new officers are: D. J. McCollum, president; E. F. Jones, adjutant; R. J. Pierce, first vice commander; A. R. Ashley, second vice commander; C. F. Strum, finance officer.

Applause was made for a charter for a post auxiliary. The auxiliary has made plans for a uniform dance at the Marsh Danse Studio April 1.

Hearing on Jury Jail Report Tomorrow

Judge James A. Collins of Criminal Court today summoned the members of the county commissioners' board to appear before him Friday morning, following on improvements recommended by the grand jury at the county jail. Members of the county and State board of charities and Sheriff George Sulter will attend the conference.

Says Every One Has Chance at 7 O'clock

In response to frequent inquiries, A. R. Techmeyer, head doorkeeper at the Gipsy Room, explained today that the doors are not opened before 7 o'clock each evening.

"The committee in charge viewed the problem from every angle and decided that the 7 o'clock opening was the best," he said. "Gipsy Smith is very desirous of having the doors open at 7 o'clock. These people cannot get home from work and back to the tabernacle much before 7 o'clock. In order to give them an opportunity to get in and out to that which people more fortunately situated enjoy it was decided to open everybody out until the 7 o'clock hour."

Justice Finch directed that Stokes pay his wife \$7,000 additional as counsel fees. This makes a total of \$19,500 Stokes has given her for that purpose.

Falls Under Cars; Both Feet Cut Off

Fred King, 47, colored, suffered the loss of both feet today when he fell under a cut of Pullman car at the Union Station. He, who lives in Cincinnati, was a Pullman porter and had come to Indianapolis to run to Indianapolis. He attempted to leap on a moving car, missed the handle and plunged under the wheels. He was sent to the Deaconess Hospital.

Farmer Boy Killed

Special to The Times.

NEWCASTLE, Ind., March 17.—Fred Curry, 17, son of John Curry, living eight miles west of this city, was killed today when the boy put on full power the tractor he reared and fell backward with the boy underneath.

The machine struck soft ground and when the boy put on full power the tractor reared and fell backward with the boy underneath.

Intruder Sought

Police are searching for a negro about 45, who entered the bedroom of Miss Eva Johnson, alias Jones, colored, who was held here for cashing stolen checks. The negro, who was in the room, will be turned over to the Cleveland (Ohio) police, where he is wanted on a charge of burglarizing Johnson also was wanted in Clarendon and Youngstown, Ohio, for cashing forged checks.

His frantic screams caused the intruder to flee.

He Comes in While Police Look for Him

After two days in which police searched for Theodore Tilford, colored, living at 2349 Northwestern avenue, the fugitive appeared at his headquarters today and awaited arrival of police and Federal officers to arrest him on charges of operating a blind tiger.

Lieutenant Houston and squad and Federal Prohibition Agent George Winkler raided his home on Northwestern avenue March 15, and found a fifteen-gallon still, twenty gallons of corn mash and about a quart of "white mule" whisky. Police say Tilford admitted his guilt.

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PLANS FOR STATE CONTROL OF FAIR

McCray Names Old Directors on New Board.

Pursuant to the acts passed in the recent session of the Legislature, Governor Warren T. McCray has appointed the present members of the State board of agriculture to membership on the new board as constituted under State control. The next step in the placing of the State board in the hands of the State will be the formal transfer to the State fair grounds property to the State of Indiana.

Advertising of the sale of the property will begin tomorrow, according to Charles F. Kennedy, secretary of the old board. The sale must be advertised for two weeks, according to the law. The board will meet April 1, and will then make the transfer, and two weeks from that time will meet again and ratify the sale of the property. This is merely a technical procedure.

The membership of the board is composed of the following: S. W. Taylor, Bonneville; E. W. Pickhardt, Huntingburg; Charles N. Lindley, Salem; L. N. Clark, Franklin; C. Miller, Indianapolis; G. Y. Clegg, South Bend; C. C. Brouse, Kendallville; Thomas J. Grant, Lowell; G. Kemper, Columbus; H. M. Mohery, Shelbyville; E. J. Parker, Thorntown; Mac M. Coffing, Covington; Edgar E. Phillips, Waukon; Lin Wilson, Fairmount; Charles L. Smith, Montpelier, and John Eisenberger, North Manchester.

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Veteran Editor Dead at Scottsburg

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SCOTTSBURG, Ind., March 17.—J. F. Ervin, 82, veteran newspaper man having been editor and publisher of the Scott County Journal for more than thirty years, is dead here following a short illness of pneumonia.

He was a member of the M. E. Church, the I. O. O. F. and Royal Arch Masons. A son, daughter, sister and brother survive. Funeral services will be held Friday at the M. E. Church here.

HAMON RICHES IS MOTIVE FOR CLARA'S TRIAL'

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He might get out of her as a stepparent, or to have her yield her boy to his brutal passion.

"This man stole girls out of the cradle, and yet attorneys for the prosecution have the audacity to ask you to convict her for slaying this man of 40, this master mind and brute."

"You know the personal friends of this debauched who came into the court to swear against this girl—Frank Ketch and others—will you help you know these men who have their fangs on the millions of the dead man?"

Champion included in his denunciations S. V. Mullen, Mullen's brother, sitting within a few inches of Champion, rose half way in his seat and caught the attorney's arm. Sheriff "Buck" Garrett seized Mullen by the shoulder and drew him out of the courtroom.

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