

'NEXT WAR' IS SEEN AS ONE OF UNIVERSAL ANNIHILATION

LEG BROKEN WHEN MACHINE STRIKES THEODORE SKATES

Occupants of Car Take Injured Man to Home and Escape.

Theodore Skates, 50, of 64½ E. Market St., was at the city hospital today suffering from a broken leg.

Skates was walking across Washington St. Thursday morning when he was struck by an automobile in which two men and a woman were riding, according to police. The automobile stopped and the injured man was taken to his room. The men said they would call the landlord. Skates told police, but they failed to return and Skates did not get their names or the license number of the automobile. Two and a half hours later the police were notified.

A fender of a police patrol was damaged when an automobile driven by Ray Randell, 374 N. Meridian St., collided with the patrol which was parked at Meridian and Twenty-Eighth St., early today. Randell told the police he would have the fender repaired.

Joe Thomas, 23, 1515 Reisner St., driving a truck owned by The Thomas Thayer Transfer Company, was seriously injured today when the front wheel of the truck broke as he was turning south on Denny St. from Washington St. Thomas was thrown from the truck which did not stop moving until after the left rear wheel had run over his abdomen. He was taken to the city hospital.

VERDICT SOON IN SULLIVAN DEATH

Evidence in the coroner's inquest into the mysterious drowning of Jack Sullivan, 50, of 14½ S. West St., was to be completed today with the testimony of Mrs. Pearl Pearcey, Spring Lake; Wade Williams, 802½ S. West St., and John Ward, 827 S. West St.

Williams and Ward found Sullivan's nude body Wednesday morning in a cottage they had rented on Spring Lake, southwest of Indianapolis. They had spent Tuesday night in Indianapolis.

Coroner Paul F. Robinson said a verdict would be given soon and that if evidence showed any signs that Sullivan was forcibly submerged in the lake, or that there was a fight at the cottage, evidence would be turned over to the county grand jury.

MISS IRENE BENSON FUNERAL ON FRIDAY

Last Rites for Girl Who Died Suddenly to Be Held at 2 p.m.

The funeral services for Miss Irene Benson, 21, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Benson, who died unexpectedly Monday at Barnes hospital, St. Louis, Mo., following a hemorrhage which seized her after she had just recovered from a minor operation, will be held at the home of her grandparents, 226 N. Beville Ave., Friday, at 2 p.m. Burial will be in Crown Hill cemetery.

Miss Benson was born in Indianapolis and attended the public schools here. Her father is in the newspaper business in this city.

Surviving Miss Benson besides her father and mother are her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Benson, an uncle, Herbert Benson, and a sister, Margaret, of Indianapolis; two uncles, Harold of Portland, Oregon, and William of Seattle, Washington. The two uncles on the coast are also newspaper men.

BOY STILL NEAR DEATH

Tetanus Serum Administered to Lad at Order of Court.

The condition of Roy Cole, 12, son of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Cole, living southeast of the city, is "serious" today, despite administration of tetanus serum under juvenile court order Thursday afternoon, according to Juvenile Court Attaché Charles Dowdy.

The boy is lying at death's door in a private sanatorium at 1108 Park Ave., maintained by the religious order of his parents, who do not believe in medical treatment, officials said. Evidence in juvenile court showed that two weeks ago the child ran a rusty wire in his foot, and was without attention of doctors other than those of his parent's faith for ten days.

Dr. C. E. Stephenson, 427 Bankers Trust building, was put in charge of the case by Juvenile Judge Frank J. Lehr, following the hearing.

TRUCK DRIVER IS INJURED

Local Man in Lebanon Hospital as Result of Accident.

George H. Conner of 5021 E. New York St., is in a serious condition today at the Witham Hospital in Lebanon, Ind., as a result of injuries suffered Thursday night when the truck he was driving west on the Crawfordsville road crashed into a touring car driven by Lebanon people. His truck turned over three times and landed in a ditch, hurling Miller from the machine. He suffered injuries about his head and shoulders. It is thought his skull may have been fractured.

His niece, Miss Evelyn Evans, who was with him, was pinned under the car but was uninjured.

Hello' Girls Get Away From Switchboards



MISS FLORENCE WILKINSON, 1830 MONTCALM ST., WINNING FORTY-YARD DASH FOR WOMEN AT BELL TELEPHONE PICNIC.

—Photo by Indianapolis Photo Company

Four thousand employees of the Indiana Bell Telephone Company and their families were still talking today about the good times they had at the company's picnic at Broad Ripple Park Wednesday.

Headed by a band, the Telephone Pioneers of Indiana, those who had been in the employ of the company twenty-five years or more, entered the grounds and marched to the athletic field, where they were special guests.

The feature was presentation of Vall medals to H. C. Ballard, toll repairman who saved the life of a fellow employee Nov. 25, 1922, and J. E. Batkin, garage man, who, Oct. 25, 1922, extinguished a flaming acetylene tank which was on the verge of exploding in the company's garage.

Although the majority of the employees of the Indianapolis force were left at the picnic, employees were at the switchboards and other necessary points in the system to render efficient service.

Woman Reports Husband Gone

Mrs. Opal Cayne, 2323 Haynes Ave., told police today that her husband, Fred Cayne, left home Wednesday noon and has not been heard from since. He was described as being six feet tall, weighing 146 pounds and having brown hair and blue eyes.

Air Is New Element

The new element, the new form of armament which is to upset all our calculations, is the air service.

As an offensive weapon, aircraft is

rapidly reaching a degree of destructiveness which reduces the battleship, the long-range gun, and even the submarine to toys. At the same time, it must be remembered that airplanes are comparatively cheap, and can be rapidly constructed. How will they operate?

In future instead of aiming at some particular point, 2000 yards will be marked out for general destruction. Over the first zone, a hundred squadrons will operate: 1200 machine guns will be able to make three raids in twenty-four hours, carrying and dropping 900 tons of explosives and gases. In three days 2,700 tons of bombs will fall on the area in question, while other squadrons will be free to fly over to further and more distant zones.

No city, village, building or railway will be safe. The rain of explosives, well aimed and highly destructive, will spare nothing above ground, while the gas bombs will cover the whole district with a pall of heavy gas, which will make life above ground impossible for days. Railway lines will be torn up, so that escape for the inhabitants who are not crushed under the ruins of their houses will be impossible.

Driven Underground

Driven underground, if they can find such a refuge, the panic-stricken population will remain cowering in terror, lest on emerging they may succumb to poison gas, or again become the target for another shower of bombs.

This is no fantastic picture. To carry out this task of universal annihilation is a perfectly easy task for modern aircraft, and it will require the destruction of vast bone-dry shelters if any appreciable number of people are to be saved from a hideous death. The civil population including women and children, who were the last to be reached in former wars, will be the first, defenseless as they will be, to be sacrificed in the warfare of the future.

People Will Be Helpless

The people will be as capable of resistance as ants in an antheap when boiling water is poured over them. Terror-stricken, they will dive under the ground wherever they can, and where they cannot they will be asphyxiated or blown to atoms. The one consolation which will be offered to them if consolation it be, will be that the Nation which has been selected as their enemy is being treated in the same way.

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