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# DESIRE TO SEE GAME COST LEGS

Seymour Youth, Journeying to Martinsville With Five Others in Roadster, Badly Injured in Bus-Auto Crash Near City.

## LIMBS ARE SEVERED ABOVE THE ANKLES

Companions Receive Minor Hurts, Three Being Only Bruised—Were on Way to Regional Basketball Tournament.

Desire to see his home town team play in the regional basketball tournament at Martinsville today cost Leland Ross, 19, of Seymour, Ind., both of his legs in an automobile bus crash in the Bluff Rd., southwest of the city.

Both legs were severed above the ankles when a Blue Goose line bus from Bloomington and a roadster driven by Ralph Morell, 21, of 1329 Union St., collided at a turn. The youth's legs were amputated at city hospital, where attache said his condition was critical.

Morell received a lacerated thigh and Rex Morell, 11, a brother, received a fractured leg bone. Three other Seymour youths in the car were bruised.

### Left for Game Friday

Morell permitted the Seymour youths to get on his roadster at Raymond St. and the Bluff Rd. The youths left for Martinsville Friday.

Ross, riding with Melvin Bell, 19, on the right running board, was caught between the auto and the bus, the running board snapping the bones in his legs. Bell jumped.

Gordon Miller, 17, received a bruised leg and Gordon Haeburn, 16, received back, hip and head injuries. Morell's car skidded into the path of the bus when he swerved to avoid striking a machine stopped near a curve. The roadster was demolished.

"Don't worry. I'm all right," Ross said to his less-seriously-injured companion at a nearby house.

### Driver Held Blameless

Virel Jones, 22, of Martinsville, bus driver, said he tried to drive in a side road. The bus, with twenty-three passengers, ran over a slight embankment, Jones was held blameless.

Morell was slated for violation of the city ordinance prohibiting overcrowding of autos and riding on running boards, by Sgt. Tom Harris.

Miss Helen Jones and Arlinda Grigsby, Newcastle, Indiana University co-eds, in the bus, said they heard a crash and the roadster "twisted in the air."

"It looked as if boys were flying in all directions," said Miss Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas E. Ross, parents of the injured youth, started to the city immediately. Ross, a B. & O. Railroad conductor, was located on his run.

All of the youths were high school students, and from prominent families. They left Seymour Friday and stayed all night at the home of a friend here.

## FIGHT PEONAGE ON U. S. FARMS

Government Accepts Its Coming, Says Settle.

Charge that the Government expects the American farmer soon to be reduced to a condition of peonage was made by William H. Settle, Indiana Farm Bureau Federation president, today in a wire to President Coolidge.

Settle objected to a trip to Europe to be made by C. J. Galpin, head of the farm population and rural life division of the Department of Agriculture, to study methods of European countries in uplifting their peasants. He advised the President to keep Galpin at home.

"We demand more attention to the task of obviating certainty of peonage rather than acceptance of its coming and preparation to care for Government wards," the telegram said: "Farmers are determined such a condition shall not prevail in this country, and will to whatever length necessary to prevent it."

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## Edward Wyllis Scripps Dies on Yacht

By United Press

NEW YORK, March 13.—Edward Wyllis Scripps, 71, retired, founder of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, died shortly after 10 p. m. Friday aboard his yacht, the Ohio, in Monrovia Bay, off the coast of Liberia Africa.

News of his death was contained in a dispatch received at the New York offices of the Scripps-Howard newspapers.

A dispatch from one of Mr. Scripps' secretaries said the publisher had left directions that he be buried at sea without communicating with or awaiting any instructions from his family or business associates. Although instructions have been cabled that the body be held pending word from Mr. Scripps' son, Robert P., it is doubted if the instructions reach the yacht in time to prevent carrying out the orders.

### Born in Illinois

E. W. Scripps, one of the great figures in American journalism, was born at Rushville, Ill., June 18, 1854, the youngest of a large family of James M. Scripps. His elder brother, twenty years his senior, was James E. Scripps, founder of the Detroit News.

Although born in Illinois and making his newspaper debut as a cub reporter on his elder brother's paper in Detroit, E. W. Scripps launched his career as a newspaper founder and publisher in Ohio and continued to make that state his home and his place of residence throughout a career which carried him several times around the world.

For the past five years following his retirement in 1920 from active newspaper work, Mr. Scripps had lived practically his entire life at sea. Since 1920 he had made two trips around the world and at the time of his death was headed for the Mediterranean following a cruise on which he embarked last September and which had taken him down the east coast of Africa as far as Capetown from whence he again turned north.

### His Survivors

Mr. Scripps is survived by his widow, Mrs. Nannie Scripps, at present living on the Scripps ranch at Miramar, San Diego County, California; by his only son, Robert P., who succeeded to his father's control of the Scripps-Howard newspaper interests several years ago; two daughters, Mrs. James Meanley of San Diego, and Miss Dolly Scripps of Escanaba, Cal.; by an older brother, Fred C. Scripps, and by his elder sister and life-long journalistic associate, Miss Ellen E. Scripps of La Jolla, Cal.

The death of Mr. Scripps will in no way affect the conduct or the policies of the Scripps-Howard newspapers, according to a statement made by Roy W. Howard, chairman of the board of directors of the Scripps-Howard interests.

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The machine was recovered this morning by Sergeant McClure and squad at Centennial and Vermont Sts. Persons living in the vicinity said two men parked the car there about 6 p. m., Friday, and walked west on Vermont St., toward Tibbs Ave. Deputy Sheriff Bell was west of Tibbs Ave. Deputy Sheriff Bell was

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