

CRASH INJURES SEVEN, STARTS DRIVE ON USE OF SIRENS

POLICE DRIVER IS CLEARED OF MISHAP FAULT

Motorist Who Piloted Car in Front of Emergency Machine Blamed.

INJURIES ARE SERIOUS

Four Officers and Three Reporters Are in City Hospital.

A drive to restrict the use of sirens and red lights on private vehicles and to inculcate in motorists greater respect for the right-of-way privileges of police and fire cars and city ambulances will be the result of the policy emergency car crash which injured seven men Monday afternoon, the board of safety announced today.

The emergency machine was smashed up after Patrolman John Gish, driver, swerved to avoid a motorist who poked his way into Illinois St. at Twenty-first St., directly in the path of the police car.

Two newspaper reporters who were riding in the emergency are injured so seriously they may not survive. A third reporter and four policemen still are in city hospital.

To the testimony of policemen that motorists have grown increasingly indifferent to the ordinance which requires them to pull to the curb and stop when city safety cars approach, was added a statement of Fire Chief Jesse Hutsell at the safety board meeting today.

Sirens Used Indiscriminately

"Every private ambulance in town has a red light and a siren. The sheriff's emergency car, the State police car and nearly every delivery boy's bicycle has a siren of some sort," said Hutsell.

The distinctive marks ought to be reserved for so few cars that the public instantly will recognize them and obey the ordinance."

The safety board joined Police Chief Claude M. Worley in exonerating Driver Gish, placing blame on the motorist, and praising Gish for attempting to avoid an accident by missing the motorist's car.

Chief Worley attributed the accident to alleged carelessness of John B. Stickel, 28, of 2346 Central Ave., who drove his Studebaker car into the path of the oncoming police car.

Stickel was driving east on Twenty-First St. and was about to cross the intersection. Seeing the emergency approaching, he turned north and Gish swerved the car to avoid striking him.

Driver Hurled Out

Investigation disclosed that the emergency machine was traveling not more than thirty-five miles an hour and the seriousness of the crash was caused by Gish being thrown from the machine when it struck an iron lamp post on the northeast corner, leaving the car driverless to continue its careening career, police said.

It careened into a stone wall and came back again, striking and pivoting on a wooden pole and coming to rest at last, wrecked, on the sidewalk between the wall and the posts.

Condition of the injured reported at City Hospital today was as follows:

Griffith Niblack, 22, of 22 W. Sixteenth St., Indianapolis News reporter, fracture at the base of skull, spent a good night, regained consciousness and talked to relatives, has a fighting chance to live.

Reporters Badly Hurt

Donovan A. Turk, 25, of 2455 Ashland Ave., Indianapolis Star reporter, deeply cut left leg and dislocated shoulder; rested uncomfortably throughout the night.

Benjamin Makoroff, 19, of 1921 Park Ave., Indianapolis Times reporter, fractured hip with cartilage torn away from bone; uncomfortable night and probably will be laid up for weeks.

Lieut. Victor Houston of 1311 Heffgen St., very serious chest and head injuries; condition critical and will not be out of danger for another twelve hours.

Patrolman Peter Mause, 848 N. Denny St., cut and bruised and returned to the hospital for X-ray examination today, after being treated and dismissed Monday night.

Patrolman Thomas J. Harrison, 6530 Ashland Ave.; broken left cheek bone and broken left arm; severe cuts on head and neck, but not serious.

Patrolman John Gish, of 1030 Blaine Ave., driver of the emergency car; cut lip and body bruises, suffering from shock.

All injured were rushed to city hospital, where Dr. William A. Doepers took personal charge and today had special nurses caring for all of them.

Commenting on the investigation made by Lieut. Frank Owen of the traffic department, shortly after the crash, Worley pointed out that his report shows that there was clear vision of Illinois St. for 300 feet from where Stickel entered.

Other Driver Arrested

Stickel was arrested for failure to give the right of way.

The machine was a new safety State touring model. Steps to replace it were taken by the safety board today.

Shot Reports Disproved

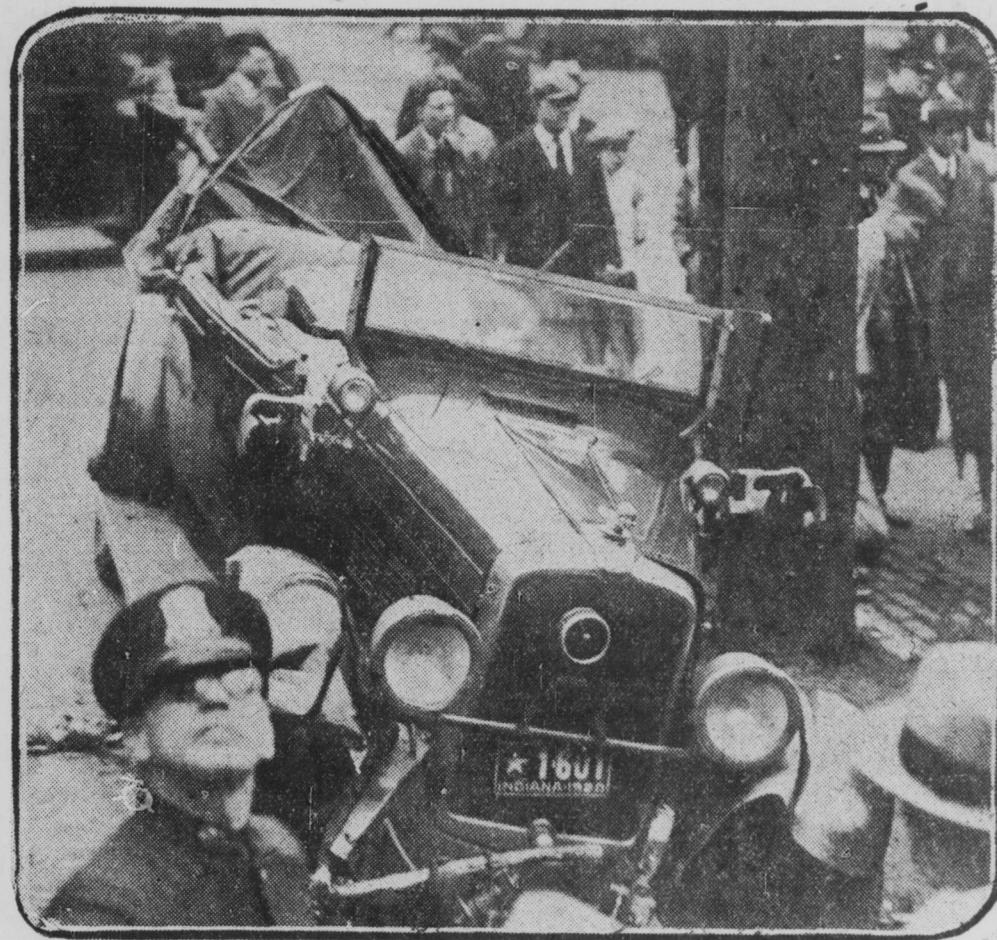
Some witnesses reported hearing shots at the time of the crash and at first it was thought that the riot guns carried in the car had discharged. Later it was learned that this noise was from the balloon tires.

Custodian Frank Gallagher was sent to the scene to take charge of tear gas bombs that were leaking, being part of the regular equipment carried by the emergency squad. Today he was another victim of the

Policemen and Reporters Hurt in Automobile Smash



Lieut. Victor Houston



The wrecked emergency car



Patrolman John Gish



Patrolman Peter Mause



Patrolman Thomas Harrison



Reporter Donovan Turk

Reporter Ben Makoroff

Reporter Griffith Niblack

HAVANA PARLEY TOPIC

Peaceful settlement of disputes between American entities has been given a great impetus as a result of the recent Pan-American conference at Havana. Joseph H. Shea,

attorney and former ambassador to Chile, told members of the Indiana Council on International Relations in Cropsy Hall Monday.

"Codification of international law for the American republics was given a start, and discussion of

commercial aviation, Pan-American railway and the Pan-American highway constitute a real achievement in the field of communication," Shea said.

Ray S. Trent, chairman of the council presided.

REVISE WATER SUPPLY PLANS AT SUNNYSIDE

Board Recommends New Well, Storage Tank at Sanatorium.

General plan for improvement of the Sunnyside tuberculosis sanatorium water plant probably will follow the theory that present well capacity is inadequate, it was believed by county officials today.

View of county officials as to the best method to prevent recurrence of the serious interruption of service due to water shortage, has changed following a report by engineers of the Indianapolis Water Company.

Basis of improvement now is that instead of building sedimentation tanks and depending on present supply of wells a 100,000 gallon storage tank will be installed, and a second well drilled.

Estimate Cost at \$12,800

In these two respects, and in the cost, the new plan differs from that decided on several weeks ago after a report by Harry T. Best, engineer.

The cost of the plan now favored is estimated to be \$12,800, while the cost of the Best plan would have been \$8,000.

Calling of a meeting of the board of county council is being held up pending the illness of President George Montgomery, it was said by County Auditor Harry Dunn.

The council has authority to appropriate the money. The commis-

sion does not.

Various Plans Considered

"We want to do what the board of managers wants," said Commissioner Cassius L. Hogle. He was joined by the other members, George Snider and Charles O. Sutton, in the assertion.

The board of managers is not advocating any particular plan; but the report does recommend other plans offered as possible solutions to the serious water situation, all of which differ from the Best plan, call for expenditures reaching as high as \$19,000.

"It seems desirable to provide adequate storage to provide for a longer interruption of service, the capacity of which should be, in our opinion, not less than 100,000 gallons," said the recommendation.

Refuse Best's Recommendation

Discussing Best's recommendations, the report said "the sedimentation basin as shown in Mr. Best's plan is in our opinion not adapted for the purpose which it is intended and we advise against its construction.

"In conclusion we desire to express our preference for the project which provides for the development of an additional source of supply, the erection of an overhead storage tank of ample capacity, improvements to the well in the main building, the abandonment of the turbid well in the pump house, the rejec-

Physician Dies



MARCH STORMS RAGE IN MANY PARTS OF U. S.

Five Are Killed in Georgia Cyclone; California Waits Relief.

CHICAGO, March 27.—March roared defiance to oncoming spring today as storms from the Rockies to the Atlantic exacted severe property damage. Five were dead in Canton, Ga., following a cyclone Monday night.

Farmhouses were destroyed and at least eight persons injured as the tornado tore a path of destruction several hundred yards wide.

A forty-mile gale raked the streets of Rochester, N. Y., snapping trees and telegraph poles and breaking plate glass windows. The temperature dropped 42 degrees.

To Burlington and Barre, Vt., came memories of the disastrous November flood, as streams swollen by melting snow made roads impassable, flooded fields and cellars and carried away bridges. Burlington is practically isolated.

California Looks for Relief

High winds swept the entire Atlantic seaboard. Thunder storms were general throughout the Middle West from the lakes to the gulf.

In the far West the State of California looked forward to relief from heavy rains which in the last week have flooded thousands of acres of fertile lands and rendered hundreds homeless.

Government weather reports forecast only light rains and predicted that the major rivers of the State might go down within two or three days.

Loss of life, officials reported, was limited to two deaths.

Hundreds Homeless

Three persons clung to trees near Cloverdale for several hours while the Russian River raged about them. Rescue attempts were hindered by the flood waters, but it was believed the three might be saved.

North Sacramento was hit worst. Hundreds were homeless there, and looting started. State health officials called relief workers from the Santa Paula region.

Highway were covered with water. Railroad schedules were disrupted by landslides and bridges were washed out.

By United Press

RENO, Nev., March 27.—Although four feet of water was pouring over its crest, the Union Ice Company's dam, twenty miles from here, apparently was withstanding today its severest test in twenty years.

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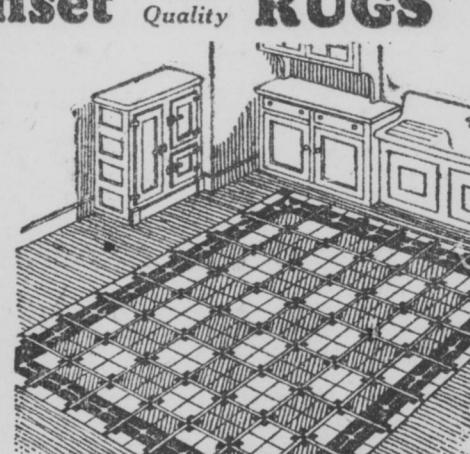
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