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ROCKNE'S BODY TO BE HOME TONIGHT

FIRST PICTURES OF AIRPLANE DISASTER

TWO SONS ARE WITH FUNERAL TRAIN PARTY

Start Made for South Bend
After Brief Pause at
Kansas City.

By United Press
KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 1.—The funeral party of Knute Rockne paused briefly in Kansas City today and then started for South Bend, where Notre Dame university awaited sorrowfully and reverently the last home-coming of its famous football coach.

Borne on a Santa Fe train through eastern Kansas from the pasture where Rockne and seven others died Tuesday in an airplane accident, the body arrived at the Kansas City union station at 7:45 a. m. With it was a grieving party—two of Rockne's sons, William, 14, and Knute Jr., 11; Charles Anderson, assistant coach at Notre Dame; Father Michael Mulcaire of Notre Dame, and Dr. D. M. Nigro of Kansas City, friend of the famous coach to whom fell the task of breaking the news of his death to the two boys.

Reach Chicago Tonight

Twenty minutes later the train departed eastward for an all-day journey across Missouri, Iowa and Illinois to reach South Bend at 11:20 tonight. The next pause of the funeral party will be in Chicago to night at 7:25.

The sun was shining when the party arrived. Tuesday when Rockne came through the same station on his way to Los Angeles and hastened to catch the plane in which he died, the weather was murky and drizzling.

Boys Choke Back Tears

William and Knute Jr. were red-eyed with weeping, but they choked back the tears and greeted with a smile boy friends from the Pembroke school here which they attended. Under the care of Dr. Nigro, the boys boarded the eastbound train, still smiling, and continued the journey.

Father Mulcaire, vice-president of Notre Dame, reached Kansas City just before the train with Rockne's body came in from the west.

Others in the group that joined the body on its eastward journey were: Jack Chevigny, assistant coach at Notre Dame; Edward Halpin, manager of the Notre Dame football team; Carl King and Howard Edwards, South Bend, friends of Rockne, and Hugh Francis, director of athletics at Pembroke school, Kansas City.

Future Plans Unsettled

Francis disclosed that Rockne was to have been a guest of honor at the school on May 8 on the occasion of the annual father and son banquet.

"We don't know what we will do till we see mother," William, the elder son, told friends. Mrs. Rockne is en route from Florida to South Bend.

"We may not return to Pembroke again. We don't know what will happen about anything now."

Miner Seriously Hurt

LINTON, Ind., April 1.—Theodore Kent, 29, father of four children, is suffering from serious injuries received while working in the Little Betty mine, scene of a disaster in January, which ended the lives of twenty-eight men. He was crushed between a car and a timber.



BEGIN QUIZ IN AIR TRAGEDY

Crash Which Took Lives of Rockne, 7 Others, May Go Unexplained.

By United Press
COTTONWOOD FALLS, Kan., April 1.—While the body of Knute Rockne, the noted coach, was on its way to South Bend, Ind., today splinters of steel and wood on a meadow near here testified gruesomely to the wreck that brought sudden death to him and seven other persons, five passengers and the two pilots of a Transcontinental and Western Air Express airplane.

An investigation into the causes of the crash was opened today by a coroner's jury. From scant evidence available, it appeared the tragedy might be added to the unexplained disasters of the air.

The famous coach, en route from Kansas City to Los Angeles when he met his death, was thrown clear of the plane when it crashed. His body was mutilated and his head partly crushed. Both of his legs were broken. Near the wreckage was found a rosary. It was believed to be Rockne's.

While reports of the disaster remained vague and conflicting, the mechanics of investigation got underway.

Two representatives of the department of commerce arrived, Leonard Jurdin and B. M. Jacobs.

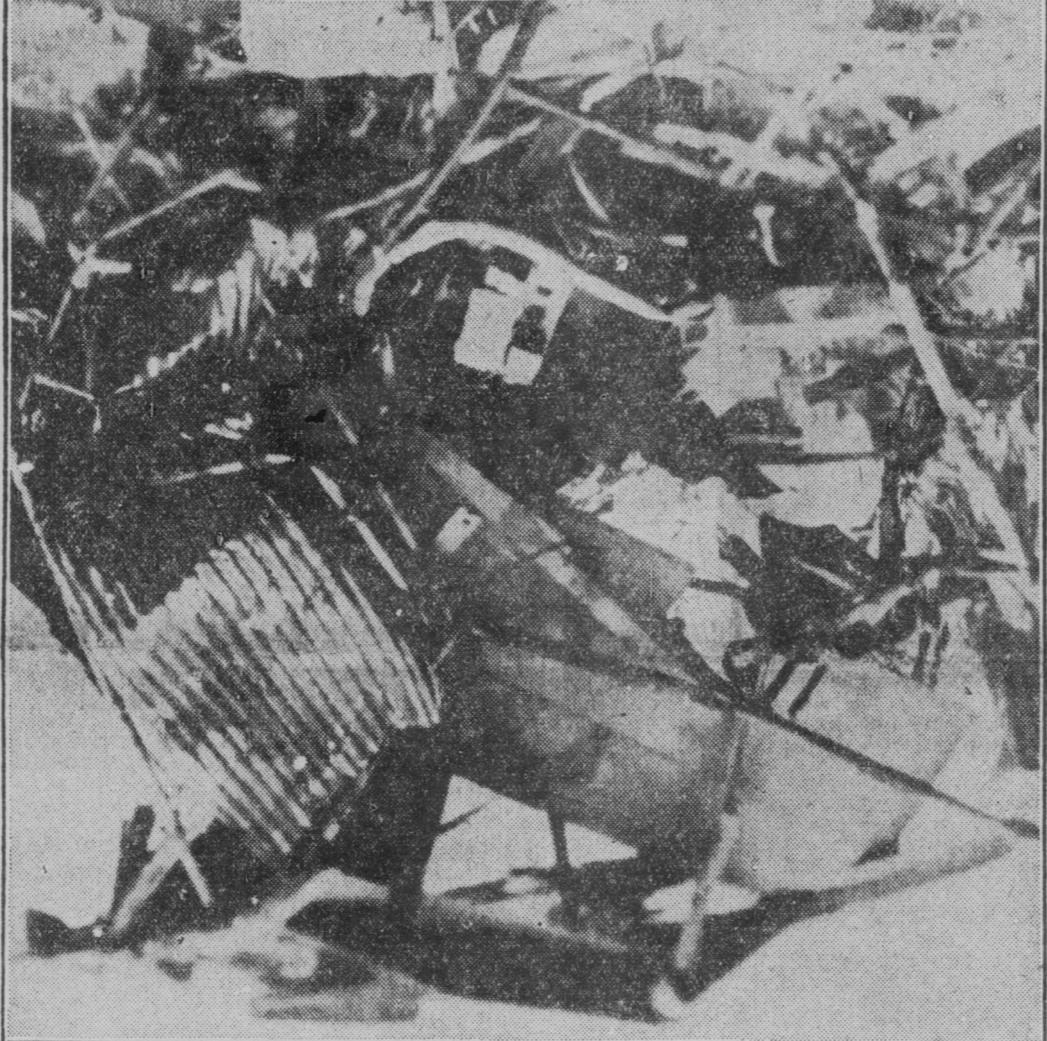
When it crashed, the plane was flying about six miles off the regular air route between Kansas City and Wichita, the next stop on the Trans-Continental air line. Its altitude was about 1,000 feet. Before the crash, a broken wing dropped from the plane.

Others killed were:

W. B. Miller, Hartland, Conn.
J. H. Hopper, Chicago.
C. A. Robrecht, Wheeling, W. Va.
H. J. Christen, Chicago.
S. Goldthwaite, New York.

Robert Frye, pilot, Kansas City, Mo.

Jess Mathias, co-pilot, Kansas City.



Upper Photo—The wreckage of the giant air liner in which Knute Rockne, famed Notre Dame coach, and seven other men lost their lives Tuesday in a crash on a farm at Bazaar, Kan. Lower—Closeup view of the wreckage.

Notre Dame Bowed by Grief

By Times Staff Correspondent
NOTRE DAME, Ind., April 1.—The altar fires of Notre Dame burned dimly through the dawn today, and piercing the gray, cold mist, the sorrowing chant of a low mass bid farewell to the greatest figure the campus ever knew.

Three thousand students, silent with the poignant grief of youth, knelt in Sacred Heart church, where they prayed for repose of the soul

of Knute K. Rockne, who died in an airplane crash in Kansas

Tuesday.

Above them, in the tall steeple of the church, a giant bell, gift to the university of Napoleon III, emperor of France, tolled its dolorous message in the skies above South Bend, over the broad campus where Rockne's fame was built more than twenty years, the tones dying in

echoes above the neighboring convent school, St. Mary's.

There several hundred girls were suppliant before the chapel altar, praying with their quiet, gentle nuns, for the man, who was their hero as well as Notre Dame's.

The mass today was the first formal manifestation of grief. All

Tuesday afternoon, when telegraphic messages confirmed the rumors

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of Rockne's death.

Maneuvered into a casket, Rockne was prepared for his final resting place in the crypt of the cathedral.

He was buried in a simple casket.

Services were conducted by the Rev. J. J. O'Donnell, rector of the cathedral.

At the conclusion of the services, the body was lowered into the crypt.

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