

BLAME BROKEN PROPELLER FOR ROCKNE CRASH

Mystery of Plane Crash Is
Cleared Up by Statement
of U. S. Probers.

By United Press
WASHINGTON, April 3.—Mystery surrounding the plane crash that killed Knute Rockne, Notre Dame football coach, and seven others Tuesday in Kansas, has been cleared up by the commerce department, with the announcement that a broken propeller was responsible.

Amateur detective among the department's aviation experts put two and two together and made file, basing their investigation on reports that ice had collected on a wing of the plane. They discovered that while the safety nut which holds the propeller in place was still in position after the wreck, the hub was missing.

It would be impossible to remove the hub without first removing the nut, they explained, unless the hub was broken.

They then deduced that, since ice had formed on the wing, it was reasonable to assume it had also formed on the hub.

The report added that "it is possible that a substantial piece of ice may have broken loose from the hub and been struck by one of the propeller blades, resulting in a breakage of the blade."

Such a breakage would cause a stress of fifty tons, they said, sufficient to break a wing.

Almost simultaneously with the snapping of the wing, it was reasoned, the hub broke, releasing the other two blades of the propeller.

AUTOS STOLEN BY GANG

Marion Boys Blamed for Theft of
More Than Twenty.

By Times Special
MARION, Ind., April 3.—Theft of more than twenty automobiles here during the last few weeks is said by police officers to have been solved with the arrest of Wayne Elliott, 17, Marion high school student.

Elliott was the leader of a gang, officers said, which has been stealing cars for joyrides, later abandoning the cars after wrecking or damaging them. Three alleged companions of Elliott were turned over to juvenile authorities. An affidavit charging Elliott with vehicle taking has been filed in the Grant superior court by Prosecutor Harley Hardin.

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SPECIAL CARS USED

Move Huge Blocks of Stone
to Finishing Mill.

By United Press
BLOOMINGTON, Ind., April 3—Special cars on which huge guns

eral months. The mother had not been living with him, but returned each day to the squall basement home to look after the children.

When she went to the house Thursday, the crippled boy, Victor, 12, told police, a quarrel ensued. Victor was sitting on the floor painting Easter eggs when he heard a shot and saw his mother fall, screaming, "I'm shot, I'm shot!"

were transported during the World war were pressed into service by the Monon railroad moving's one from the University quarry of the Indiana Limestone Company to the P. M. & B. mills for finishing as columns to be used in the new Andrew Mellon building in Pittsburgh, Pa.

There will be sixty-two of the columns. Stone for two have been moved with the car, total weight in each instance was 116 tons.

Gone, but Not Forgotten

Automobiles reported to police as stolen:
E. M. McComb, 2145 North Alabama Street, Chrysler roadster, 16-496, from 26th Street.
H. E. Ingersoll, 321 North Irvington Avenue, Ford coupe, 155-070, from Whistler.
C. O. Warner's Company, 819 East Washington Street, from 15th and 35th, from parking lot.
Walter H. Montgomery, 129 Downer Avenue and Hibben street.
Fred Hildane, 91-918, from Laurel and Orange streets.
G. W. Williams, 1527 South Randolph Street, Chevrolet coach, from Woodlawn and Fletcher Avenue.
John F. Fenn, 1050 North Alabama Street, Star roadster, from 170 West Twenty-first street.

An English chemist has perfected a paint which is so affected by the sun's rays that it appears black in the daytime and white at night.

Baker, a former government employee, has been out of work for several months.

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