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## LEGION HEAD IS KILLED IN AUTO CRASH

F. W. Galbraith, Jr., Loses Life When Machine Hurts Over Embankment—Other Officials Escape Injury.

### STEERING GEAR BREAKS

INDIANAPOLIS, June 9.—Frederick W. Galbraith, Jr., of Cincinnati, national commander of the American Legion, was killed almost instantly and two other officers of the legion, Milton J. Foreman, of Chicago, and Henry Ryan, of Indianapolis, were injured, the former seriously today, when the automobile in which they were riding plunged over an embankment on the northwest side of this city.

Mr. Galbraith suffered a fractured skull and died within a few minutes. Foreman, who is national committeeman for the state of Illinois, and chairman of the national finance committee, suffered a fracture of the skull and injuries to his back and shoulders. He is in a serious condition at the city hospital.

#### Ryan Bruised

Ryan is chairman of the American Legion committee of the legion. He was badly bruised but his injuries are not serious, physicians say.

Ryan, who was driving the machine, told police officers who investigated the accident that he had been driving rapidly from the Indianapolis club north of the city in order to reach the Union station in time for Mr. Galbraith and Mr. Foreman to board a train for Chicago. He reduced his speed to about 20 miles an hour, he said, just before reaching the point where the accident occurred.

Falling to make the turn, the car plunged over the embankment, turned a somersault and landed on its side.

Mr. Galbraith intended stopping in Chicago preliminary to starting on a speaking tour in the interest of legislation before congress sponsored by the American Legion.

#### Take Body Home.

Colonel Galbraith's body will be taken to Cincinnati on train leaving Indianapolis, at 6:05 o'clock tonight, it was announced this afternoon. Jesse Galbraith, a brother of the commander, will take charge. Franklin D'Oliver, former commander of the legion, a party from national headquarters, and the Indiana state organization also will accompany the body.

An election probably will be held here next week to name Mr. Galbraith's successor. It was announced at national headquarters today. The new commander will be named by the legion national executive committee. This committee is composed of one representative of the organization from each of the states and territorial departments. The national vice-commanders, one of whom probably will be elected national commander are: John G. Emery, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Thomas Goldinjay, Newark, N. J.; C. G. Pendell, Racine, Wis.; J. G. Schrugham, Carson City, Nev., and E. Jackson Winslett, of Birmingham, Ala.

#### Fidelity Steering.

Colonel Robinson, who has made an investigation preliminary to a formal inquest, said it seemed probable that a broken or a locked steering knuckle caused the accident. L. R. Gammill, commander of the Indiana department of the legion, ordered all posts to fly their flags at half mast for a period of 30 days in memory of Colonel Galbraith.

The state closed its case at 11 o'clock today following testimony of Sheriff Moon, which was similar to that of other witnesses, and concerned Decker's arrest at Marion, and alleged confessions which have been introduced by the state. An adjournment was taken to permit defense attorneys to prepare their opening statements which will be presented this afternoon. The defense has about 25 witnesses.

#### Lasker Nomination Confirmed by Senate

WASHINGTON, June 9.—The nomination of A. D. Lasker as chairman of all others named by President Harding for the shipping board were confirmed today by the senate.

He was chosen as Colonel of the old First regiment, Ohio National Guard and when the war broke out he was recruited that regiment to war strength and it was mustered into Federal service in the One Hundred and Forty-seventh regiment, Thirty-second division of United States army. At its head he went overseas and took a prominent part in the battle of St. Michael, the Argonne and later in Belgium.

For personal bravery on the field of battle he was decorated by the French and Belgian governments and was honored by the United States government.

Colonel Galbraith was about 50 years old. He leaves a widow and two children, a boy about to enter college and a girl of 10 years.

Col. Galbraith at one time was president of the Business Men's club of Cincinnati. He was slated for International president of Rotary clubs at the election at Atlantic City last summer, but declined the honor.

WASHINGTON, June 9.—President Harding telegraphed a message of sympathy today to Mrs. F. W. Galbraith, Jr., at Indianapolis, widow of the national commander of the American Legion, killed in an automobile accident last night.

"Please know of my sympathy in the great and sudden sorrow which has come to you," the message said. "It was my fortune to know Colonel Galbraith, not alone as commander of the American Legion, but as a fellow citizen of Ohio, and I have highly valued his commanding personality, his tireless zeal and his intense devotion to country and his companions in arms. The legion and the nation share with you the great loss which has come so suddenly."

BOSTON, June 9.—Henry J. Ryan, national director of the American Legion,

### Galbraith Killed



## ORDER PROBE OF SIMS TALK AGAINST IRISH

Senate Orders Investigation—Admiral Stands on His Words—Alleged To Have Called Sympathizers Asses.

### WITHHOLDS STATEMENT

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, June 9.—Investigation of the recent speech in London by Rear Admiral William S. Sims, touching on Irish sympathizers in this country, was ordered by the senate today without a record vote. The resolution was ordered by Senator Harry S. Truman, Democrat, Mississippi.

LONDON, June 9.—Rear Admiral William S. Sims, U. S. N., is quoted by the Press Association today as saying this morning with regard to the speech he delivered on the Irish question here Tuesday:

"I stand by all I said, every word of it. I shall not repudiate a single word I said, and I see nothing unusual in it, even if Senator McCormick does."

Admiral Sims, who this morning said that he had not received the cablegram reported to have been sent him by Secretary of the Navy Denby, inquiring if the admiral was correctly quoted in the press reports of his speech, has arranged to have the cable message delivered to him as soon as it reaches London.

In civilian life, Col. Galbraith was president of the Western Paper Goods company of Cincinnati. He was a Republican but never actively engaged in politics and was never a candidate for public office. In Cincinnati, however, he was active in civic movements for more than twenty years.

As a youth the legion head was a sailor. He once passed the entrance examination to Annapolis, but never matriculated.

## DECKER TRIAL CROWD REBUKED BY JUDGE

WARSAW, Ind., June 9.—Hundreds of Warsaw citizens and residents of neighboring towns who attempted to jam into the courtroom today to hear the trial of Virgil Decker, charged with murdering his chum, Leroy Lovett, were informed by Judge Royce, that "this trial is not a movie or a vaudeville show." Judge Royce said he had heard complaints of some persons that they were taxpayers and thus entitled to crowd into the courtroom.

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John Edwards of Mitchell, one of the five members of the Republican state executive committee, has accepted appointment as solicitor for the post office department.

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