

TARIFF BILL IS SIGNED BY WILSON

President Affixes Signature to Bill Shortly After Nine o'Clock and at One Minute Past Twelve Measure Affecting Ninety Million Persons Becomes an Operative Law.

WASHINGTON, October 4.—(By Associated Press Cable)—At nine minutes past nine o'clock last night President Wilson affixed his signature to the Underwood Tariff Bill and at one minute past twelve o'clock this morning, a measure which in one way or another will affect ninety million persons became a law of the United States.

For days previous to the passage of this important measure every department of the government had been preparing for the event. The treasury department in particular, was interested, for on the passage of the measure millions of dollars' worth of imports held in bond at American ports of entry would be released, subject to the expected reductions in the old tariff rates.

Soon after the bill was signed last night the customs officers began sending telegrams and cables to collectors of customs in all ports in the United States as well as the island possessions.

"The new tariff will become effective tomorrow morning," was the simple wording of the message and on this authority millions of dollars' worth of freight and merchandise from other nations will be released. The only two exceptions to the new tariff becoming effective today are those of sugar and wool, which are specifically provided for. Under the terms of the new law the rates on sugar will not become effective until March 1, 1914, the rates on manufactures of wool on January 1, 1914, and on raw wool December 1, 1913.

In signing the Tariff Bill last night President Wilson expressed satisfaction at the progress that had been made in tariff legislation, adding that though it was a great legislative accomplishment the pledges of the Democratic party had been only partly carried out. The second step for the emancipation of business yet to be taken, he said, was that of currency reform.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) WASHINGTON, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Currency legislation will be fought bitterly in congress. The senate banking and currency committee is divided on three propositions. The administration bill supported by Senators Owen, Pomeroy and Shafroth, holds a proposal for a central bank supported by Senators O'Gorman and Nelson and a proposal for a highly individualized emergency system, supported chiefly by Senators Hitchcock, Reed and Brewster.

Senators Crawford, Weeks and McLean are committed to no plan except opposition to the administration bill.

Senator Owen and the administration leaders have been forced to admit that the pending bill must be amended before it can be reported.

From Saturday Advertiser.

* What is probably a record for speedy sending and receiving of a transatlantic message was accomplished by the Federal Wireless Telegraph Company last night. * At ten minutes of one o'clock the Advertiser called the office of the Federal Wireless Telegraph Company on Alakea street with the request that the operator there check the baseball report and find out whether Lively or Lohman had pitched for the Sacramento team in yesterday's game at San Francisco. * No request for special speed was made, the request being only one of similar checks required at times. * At this point an office discussion arose as to when the answer might be returned. The clock was watched, and at two minutes of ten the reply from San Francisco was phoned to the Advertiser, to the effect that Lively had pitched.

* To send this message by phone to the operator at the Alakea street office, he to then telegraph the station at Kaneohe, the operator there to flash to San Francisco and the same course to be followed in getting the message back to the Advertiser office, consumed exactly eight minutes.

MAN WHO WILL DEAL WITH SECRETARY BRYAN



HSIUNG HSIUNG, New Premier of China, who will be called upon to pass on demand made by the United States.

Protection for Foreigners and Reparation for Injuries to Americans Insisted Upon.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) WASHINGTON, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Secretary of State Bryan today called Charge d'Affaires Williams at Peking to demand from the Chinese government protection for all foreigners in Tsaochang, and reparation for all injuries of foreigners.

This act followed the report that four Americans and four Norwegian missionaries are being held for ransom by Chinese bandits, and that at least one has been killed.

Federal Government Comes to Aid of Noted Criminal Who Escaped from Matteawan.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) WASHINGTON, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—The federal government today came to the aid of Harry Thaw in his fight against returning to Matteawan Asylum.

It was learned at the state department that the government probably will require a trial testing Thaw's sanity prospective of other criminal litigation involved in the case. Solicitor Jos. W. Folk of the State Department said that no decision would be handed down before Monday on Thaw's request for an investigation of Canada's act in his case but that the government has gone into this act and an investigation is being made on certain points in the U. S. treaty with Canada which is claimed to be violated.

CONDITION OF RALPH ROSE NOT DANGEROUS

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) SAN FRANCISCO, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Ralph Rose, who is suffering from typhoid fever, was removed to the hospital today.

According to Dr. Herbert Gunn, the Olympic Club athlete is not in a precarious condition, and everything is favorable for his recovery.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) NEW YORK, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Herman Oelrichs, the rich young student and bosom companion of Vincent Astor was summoned to day to appear before the faculty of Columbia University and explain his escapade with Miss Lucille Singleton, a nineteen-year-old beauty, which resulted in an auto smashup and formal charges by Miss Singleton that Oelrichs had stabbed her, Dean Harlan Stone of Columbia said he would get all the facts in the case. Oelrichs may be expelled unless he can clear himself.

In the meantime Miss Singleton who had sworn to an affidavit that Oelrichs assaulted her has changed front and is shielding her former admirer. "It's all a mistake," said Miss Singleton in her apartment.

"Herman did not stab me. The police have it all wrong."

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) MUNICH, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—King Otto of Bavaria, the "Mad Monarch," is reported to be dying as a result of having eaten a quantity of leaves and earth. This unique diet brought about a severe attack of intestinal trouble from which the King has suffered for years owing to his constant overeating. His craving for food grows greater each day and he frequently claws at his clothing.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) ALBANY, N. Y., Oct. 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Governor William Sulzer today outlined the vitriolic arraignment that he expects to make in his defense before the court of impeachment next week.

He held up Tammany Hall as an institution of loot and lust, whom he charged with trying to crucify him because he fought to stop the wholesale campaign of theft that he found in full bloom.

BALKANS IN CHOLERA'S GRIP

Five Thousand Lives Estimated to Have Been Toll Thus Far of Dread Scourge Brought from Asia by Turks—England and Germany Go to Aid of Serbia.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) BUCHAREST, Roumania, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Cholera is sweeping the Balkan States. The ravages of the two recent wars left thousands of families homeless and starving. A large section of Albania is without doctors and medical supplies.

The isolated district hamlets and villages have been depopulated, and the dead remain where they fell, with no one to bury them.

It is estimated that at least five thousand have died of cholera. The disease was brought from Asia by the Turks.

RIVAL POWERS COME TO THE AID OF SERBIA

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) BELGRADE, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Great Britain and Germany are reported to have come to Serbia's aid in the Albanian war. It was learned today from an authoritative source that these governments had consented to Serbia occupying important positions in Albania.

Renegade Clergyman Hurls Crucifix and Rosary at Crowd as Millionaire Jury Holds Him for Murder.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) NEW YORK, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Just as the "millionaire" jury in the court of Coroner Fienberg was today finding Hans Schmidt, the renegade priest, guilty of the murder of Anna Ammiller, a dramatic incident interrupted the inquest.

Coroner Fienberg appealed to the members of the jury, which was headed by Theodore P. Shonts, president of the Interborough Railway Transit Company, for funds with which to bury the dismembered body of Anna Ammiller to save it from the pater's field. Before a member of the jury could move there came a shower of currency and silver from the back of the room. The spectacle caused some one among the five hundred spectators to laugh.

Schmidt, with a scowl on his face sprang from his chair and tearing a rosary and crucifix from his throat hurled them into the crowd behind him.

In addition to foreman Shonts the other members of the jury were: Vincent Astor, C. C. McDuff, Marcus Lowe, Mortimer Rosenberg, Benj. G. Greenhut, George P. Fairchild, Charles Dickery, Edwin Marston, Howard Weir, Latham Reid and Patrick O'Laughlin.

Most of the members of the jury are millionaires prominent in the world of finance.

HERRESHOFF TO BUILD AMERICA'S CUP DEFENDER



NATHANIEL G. HERRESHOFF.

"Nat" Herreshoff, the well known yacht builder, will have the honor of building the America's Cup defender, the yacht which every loyal sportsman hopes will lead Sir Thomas L. Sopwith to the line.

A syndicate of which Cornelius Vanderbilt and J. P. Morgan are members has agreed to furnish the funds necessary for the defender's construction.

FORMER KING OF PORTUGAL NOW DEVOTEDLY SPENDING SEVERAL HOURS DAILY AT BEDSIDE OF PRINCESS AUGUSTINE VICTORIA.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) MUNICH, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—Royal peace-makers have succeeded in effecting a reconciliation between former King Manuel and his bride, Princess Augustine Victoria of Hohenzollern.

Official announcement was made here today that Manuel and Princess Augustine would go to England together arriving there about the first of November. Friends of the former Portuguese monarch and of the powerful Hohenzollern family have been working hard to prevent the estrangement from growing into a big scandal as the entire world has been interested of late in the illness of the young bride and her quarrel with her royal husband.

Princess Augustine's health has improved and it was said today that Manuel had been spending several hours a day at her bedside recently.

GIANTS WILL WIN, VOTE EXPERTS

Eighteen Out of the Thirty Baseball Writers Who Have Followed Both Teams Through Series Pick McGraw's Team to Land Pennant in Coming Championship Series.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) NEW YORK, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—If the opinions of the baseball writers, who sit in the press box throughout the season count any, then the Giants should defeat the Athletics in the World's Series.

Opinion regarding the outcome of the series appears to be unusually divided this year. Prominent ball players and writers are predicting a very close series of games with low scores predominating. All speak of the luck or break of the games being an important factor in the ultimate winning of the championship. Expressions of opinion on the art of managers and players of other clubs are beginning to be heard here with the gathering of the advance guard for the opening game next Tuesday.

Among those who are favoring the Athletics are Frank Chance, Napoleon Lajoie, Clark Griffiths and Umpire Billy Evans. Some of those who are naming the giants as probable winners are George Stallings, Johnny Evers, Fred Clarke, and Ty Cobb. Hughie Jennings and Bill Dahlen say the teams are evenly matched.

(By Federal Wireless Telegraph.) PHILADELPHIA, October 3.—(Special to The Advertiser)—"I fully expect to win the big series," said Connie Mack today, breaking a silence of weeks and making the first definite prediction about the result of the games.

"New York is credited with having a far better pitching staff, but I can't see the logic of that argument. I have two first-class veterans in Bender and Plank.

"I don't want a better pitcher than Bender. There may be some who can stand harder work during the season, but there is none who can do better work. I only use Bender in games that I must win, and he wins that kind of game for me. Bender was thirty years old last March, which means he is still in his prime. Plank may be older in years, but he has not pitched as many games as Mathewson. Mathewson is a grand twirler, but we took his measure in 1911 and also Marquard's measure.

"The speed, brains and batting and fielding skill of the Athletics players can't be denied. They are serene in mind and think no more of the coming series than they do of one in the championship season. I never mingled with cooler propositions. Not one is worrying. Every man is physically fit. If we lose the series we can't offer any alibi, but I don't think we will lose. We have too much strength to be beaten by the Giants, good as the latter are."

FLYING NEITHER SPORT NOR PASTIME, RULING

LONDON, September 20.—The failure of King Charles I to foresee and legislate for the advent of aeroplanes has enabled some 6000 residents of Hull and district to give the police and the local authorities the laugh.

When Aviator Robert Whitehouse announced that he would give flying exhibitions at the local aerodrome on Sundays, the "uncle guild" of Hull put up such a protest that the police notified aviators and possible spectators that they would be liable to prosecution under the Lord's day observance act, an ancient statute of Charles I, framed to prevent the irreverent from indulging in cock fighting and kindred sports on the Sabbath.

Whitehouse declared that he would fly, and some 6000 spectators patronized the aerodrome. On applying for summonses, however, the police were told by the magistrates that flying was neither a sport nor a pastime within the meaning of the law, and that prosecution must fail.

IT NEVER FAILS.

Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy is all its name implies. It cures diarrhoea and dysentery in either children or adults, and the most violent cases of cramp colic or pain in the stomach give way to a few doses of this medicine. Safe, sure, always cures. For sale by Benson & Co., Ltd., Agents for Hawaii.

Kapohuli Palan filed a replication yesterday to the answer made to the complaint by the Helemano Land Company in the ejectment case of the former against the latter.

Seisuke Kanno yesterday sued Iwa Kanno for divorce, alleging desertion. The Kanno were married in March, 1907.

A garnishee summons was filed yesterday by Y. Ayau against Mrs. Leong Yue Shee, defendant, and J. L. Corkburn et al, on a note for \$550.

PITTSFIELD, Massachusetts, September 15.—Merchants here have received a letter from George Winthrop Fulson, a leader in the Lenox colony, notifying them that he will not trade with those who advertise on billboards. He hopes other lovers of Berkshire scenery will feel as he does, and "thus check a rapidly growing evil."

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TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. PARIS MEDICINE CO., St. Louis, U. S. A.

105 CASES IN CIRCUIT COURT

Largest Calendar of Present Year Scheduled to Be Called in Judge Robinson's Department This Morning—They Range All the Way from Murder to Battery

One hundred and five criminal cases constitute the calendar which will be called in Judge Robinson's court this morning at nine o'clock by Clerk M. T. Simonton. This is the largest calendar this year. The cases are as follows:

Murder in the first degree, 4; embezzlement, 2; forgery, 2; burglary, in the second degree, 1; larceny in the second degree, 4; gross cheat, 9; seduction, 1; adultery, 1; sexual intercourse, 1; failure to provide, 1; disorderly person, 1; defrauding inn keeper, 1; common nuisance, 2; smoking and having opium in possession, 19; malicious injury, 4; lottery, 1; vagrancy, 1; present at gambling game, 6; selling liquor without a license, 7; selling merchandise without a license, 1; furious and heedless driving, including auto speeding, 11; violating fishing rights, 1; assault and battery, 24.

Two civil cases are also on the calendar of Judge Robinson's court for further disposition this morning, in the case of Scott et al. vs. Pilipo et al., and Leo E. Solomon vs. Honolulu Rapid Transit & Land Company, a damage suit.

Two Decisions by Judge Cooper.

Before leaving for San Francisco by the steamer Ventura yesterday, Judge Cooper filed decisions sustaining two demurrers, as follows:

In the demurrer filed to the complaint in the case of Artem Fataff vs. J. Hopp & Company, et al., Judge Cooper's decision is as follows:

"There appears to be a misapprehension of parties defendant in that there is no allegation in the complaint charging the defendant Lewers & Cooke with negligence; or other allegation showing liability of said Lewers & Cooke to respond to the plaintiff's claim for damages. The demurrer is sustained." George A. Davis for plaintiff; Castil & Whittington for defendants.

The other demurrer sustained by Judge Cooper was filed to the complaint in the case of Y. Yamakami vs. A. Fujii et al.

"The declaration is silent as to any notice of non-payment by the maker of the note," says the decision. "I am of the opinion that the case of Yuen Lang & Company vs. Burke, 9 Hawaiian 146, controls."

For this reason the demurrer is sustained. Wade Wadsworth Thayer for plaintiff; Humphreys & Miller for defendants.

Judge Lyle A. Dickey of the Kauai circuit court, who is now presiding in place of Judge Cooper during the latter's absence from the Territory, yesterday heard argument in the civil suit of Leong Koo vs. Chang Hook, for a reformation of a lease. The complaint is demurred to on the ground that one of the necessary parties to the suit was not joined in the complaint.

In Judge Whitney's Court.

The sale of certain real estate belonging to Frank Kanne, a minor, by W. C. Achi, guardian, for \$800 to Ching Lam and Loo Joe, was yesterday confirmed by Judge Whitney.

The taxation of the defendant's bill of costs in the assumpsit suit of E. C. Winston vs. J. P. Looney et al. was yesterday heard before Judge Whitney and taken under advisement by the judge.

At nine o'clock this morning the divorce suit of Buckley vs. Buckley will be heard by Judge Whitney. Before the same judge at ten o'clock, the libel for divorce of Morgan vs. Morgan will be taken up.

Filed in Chief Clerk's Office.

Mary Grabe yesterday filed a suit for divorce against John Grabe on the ground of non-support. The parties were married in Honolulu, November 4, 1907.

R. P. Quarles, administrator, has filed his inventory of the estate of Karl Eric Olsson, which shows the estate to be worth \$2500, as follows: Equitable Life Assurance Society policy of the probable value of \$1600, and lot No. 19, Ahukula, Honolulu, Hawaii, valued at \$900.

Kenji Sonoda has brought suit against his wife, Ritsuyo Nagai, on statutory grounds. Mr. and Mrs. Sonoda were married in Honolulu, October 9, 1912, by Rev. Mr. E. Matokawa.

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LAST CANDIDATE NAMED FOR GOVERNORSHIP RACE



SEN. JAMES L. COKE.

Licenses Granted to Physicians, and Report of Examining Board Acted Upon.

(From Saturday Advertiser.)

Considerable business of a routine nature was transacted at a busy session of the board of health held yesterday. President Pratt presided, and all members with the exception of Doctor Holby were in attendance. An urgent professional call at the last moment prevented the attendance of the latter.

Licenses were granted to three physicians to practice medicine in the Territory. In each instance they are attached to the Army. They are Dr. A. E. Schlamson, Dr. E. D. Kremers and Dr. L. B. McAfee.

The resignation of Dr. F. A. St. Sure of Pahala, Hawaii, as government physician was received and accepted. Doctor St. Sure, it is understood, plans to move from East Kau.

Dr. C. L. Stow was appointed as acting government physician for South Hilo. Doctor Sexton, the regular government physician for that district, is to take a vacation. He is expected here from Hilo today.

An interesting report from an examining board of physicians who recently visited the settlement at Molokai was received and read. The report dealt with the excellent conditions prevailing in that section of Molokai and the satisfactory results of the work being carried on there.

Health Conditions On Big Island To Be Investigated by President of the Board.

From one end of the big island of Hawaii to the other the health conditions are to be thoroughly investigated within the next two weeks under the direction of Dr. J. S. B. Pratt, president of the board of health and members of the department. The party will leave for Hilo today. The members consist of Doctor Pratt, Doctor McCoy, S. W. Tay and A. W. Hansen. The latter is territorial food inspector and analyst, and goes with the party to examine the class of food products being handled by the merchants on the Big Island. The party will probably be absent about two weeks. They will make most of their journey on Hawaii in an automobile, going to the out of the way places as well as those within easy reach. Mr. Tay will stop off at Maui en route home.

The party may reach Hilo again next Saturday at which time a special meeting of the board of health will be held and arrangements probably made for the beginning of the extensive reclamation work in Hilo which was provided for by the last legislature.

CHICAGO ORGANIZES FOR PUBLIC SAFETY

CHICAGO, September 21.—A permanent committee on public safety for the purpose of minimizing the number of accidental deaths was formed here today. Means of lowering the death rate will be investigated by the following subcommittees:

Industrial, railroad, street railways, automobiles and motorcycles, drownings, asphyxiation, criminal operations, elevators, self-destruction, homicide law enforcement and ways and means.

George H. Whittle, chairman of the street traffic committee of the association of commerce, was elected president of the general committee.

While the various committees are studying means of attacking the question scientifically, the churches, schools and newspapers have been called upon to underwrite a campaign of education for the benefit of the pedestrians, the class which has furnished the largest number of victims.

The first Sunday in October was named as safety day and the papers and preachers will illustrate how most street accidents occur and will warn people how to help to avoid injuries. A similar day will be set apart for school teachers to warn their pupils.

CUTTING OF GOLF BALLS PROHIBITED IN CHICAGO

Sale of explosive golf balls containing acid will be prohibited at Chicago according to an ordinance prepared by Alderman Nance, chairman of the health committee. Several recent victims of their curiosity, who have lost one or both eyes by sports of acid after cutting into the dangerous balls, aroused the alderman to action. The most recent victim here is the janitor of the golf shelter at the municipal links in Jackson park. He passed by a golfer who was cutting into a ball. He is expected to lose both eyes. Meanwhile Alderman Nance has issued a warning against cutting or whittling any golf ball.

COKE BOOSTED FOR THE BIG OFFICE

Governor Adams Said to Have Put Him in the Running as Compromise Candidate for Governorship—Coloradan Reported to Have Said He Could Find None for Pinkham.

Another Richmond is in the field for the governorship of Hawaii in the person of Senator James L. Coke, and, what is more, Coke is declared to have backing which might yet place him in the chair as a compromise, should Congressman Kent's Republican protégé, L. E. Pinkham, fail of confirmation by a Democratic senate.

Coke, it is said, has not entered the field voluntarily; rather he has been projected into it by several Democratic politicians of national prominence. Chief among these is said to be former Governor Alva Adams of Colorado, who recently passed through Honolulu, en route to Australia and the Orient as a member of a Panama-Pacific Exposition commission.

Adams is a Democratic warhorse of some power, having led forlorn hopes in Colorado in the anti-free silver days, reaping a governorship in the fat years which followed for Democrats in Colorado, and keeping himself altogether abreast of the progressive leaders of the party. He, it is said, has thrown all his influence and that of his friends toward Coke for the governorship, although the latter insisted that he was a candidate for the United States district attorneyship.

Found None Wanted Pinkham. During his visit here Adams is said to have looked over the situation and to have written to Washington strongly urging the withdrawal of Pinkham on the ground that he is wanted neither by Republicans nor Democrats; that in fact his only supporters seemed to be a curio dealer who aspires to be secretary of the Territory and a personal friend of Pinkham who is prominent in Republican machine politics.

Coke, he is said to have written, would prove acceptable to the responsible Democrats of Hawaii, for it seems that one objection to giving him the district attorneyship, according to Washington advice, is that "he is too popular" to hold such a position.

Coke has a good friend in Secretary of State Bryan, whose nomination for the presidency he seconded in 1908 at Denver, and he also has the interest of Senator Chamberlain of Oregon, who is chairman of the powerful senate committee on military affairs.

Pinkham Fight Certain. Aside from Coke's candidacy, local Democrats claim to have received very assurance that President Wilson will have a fight on his hands in the senate if he tries to force Pinkham on Hawaii as a Democratic Governor. Both Senators Vardaman and Williams of Mississippi are declared to be as hostile as ever to the Kent protégé, and the senate committee on Pacific islands and Porto Rico is said to have any number of adversaries to show that Pinkham may be a good enough Democrat for President Wilson he is not a good enough Democrat for the rank and file of the party. One of these adversaries is said to have been forwarded by former Governor Carter, in which he states that he was appointed Governor of Porto Rico by President McKinley and that he was appointed Governor of Hawaii by President McKinley, and that during Pinkham's term of service he never gave Carter any reason to believe that he was anything but a staunch Republican.

To Sweep the Boards. If the intimations conveyed by Governor General Harrison, by former Governor Adams and by other mainland Democrats are to be relied upon, it is not unreasonable to expect that it is the intention of the administration to replace every Republican with a Democrat, whether or not the Republican's term of office has expired. It is pointed out that the administration has asked for the resignations of two federal judges in Alaska who were appointed as Republicans, and that making federal judgeships political spoils is going further than has been the custom. The question naturally arises as to whether Judges Dole and Clemens will be included in the shakeup among federal office holders which is certain to come, once the governorship has been settled. Meanwhile both Republicans and Democrats are wondering just why Governor Pratt was called to Washington and what will result from his conference with Wilson; also whether there was a third party present to break the ice, both distinguished persons being accredited with possessing an unusual amount of reserve.

It was a man-eating automobile that almost ended the brilliant career of Duke P. Kahanamoku, champion swimmer of the world, at half past four o'clock yesterday afternoon in the capital grounds. While he does not mourn broken bones, he decidedly mourns the good front wheel of the motorcycle on which he was riding at the time, with Manny Holt on the tandem. Duke's right arm was painfully injured.

According to his statement to the police, he was entering the capital grounds on his right side when auto 104 driven by Mrs. Reinecke came towards him. She suddenly swerved to his side, he says, and before he could avoid the machine it had struck him.

The auto continued the swerve to the curb where, when it struck, three of its tires blew out. Duke considers it a miracle that he wasn't killed, he says.