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HUGHES, FACTORY MANAGER, KILLED AS AUTO UPSETS

Former Bridgeporter and Companion Meet Tragic Death As Hughes Drives For First Time in Automobile He Had Just Purchased.

Victim Was Production Manager For Bullard Machine Tool Co. In This City Until Year Ago When He Went to Fitchburg, Mass.

Pinned by the wreckage of an automobile, with the weight resting on their necks, John D. Hughes, formerly of 1855 Main street, Stratford, former production superintendent of the Bullard Machine Tool Co. of this city, and Einar G. Lindstrom, assistant to Mr. Hughes as supjerintendent of the Manning, Maxwell & Moore plant in Fitchburg, Mass; were found dead on the Ashby road, four miles from Fitchburg, at 6:45 o'clock last night.

The wrecked machine and a marred rocky ledge close by gave the only inkling of the tragedy, which as far as the police have been able to learn, had no witnesses.

The auto, a second-hand car, was bought yesterday by Mr. Hughes When the accident occurred, he was taking his second lesson in operating the machine, from Mr. Lindstrom, an experienced driver.

The men left Fitchburg at 6:20 o'clock after finishing work and went up the Ashby road. The position in which the machine was found made it apparent they were on the return trip, coming down a slight grade, when they were killed.

While the exact cause of the accident could not be determined, the police believe Mr. Hughes was driving when it happened. Whether the ruts in the road, a break in the machine or the inexperience of the driver caused the auto to get beyond control is something the Ashby authorities are endeavoring to ascertain.

Wheel marks indicate the car swerved from side to side for a short distance and then struck the ledge and turned upside down.

When found, the feet of the men protruded from one side and their heads from the opposite side.

Mr. Lindstrom's right arm was around Mr. Hughes as if he had endeavored to right the course of the car when it struck the ledge.

Clifford Foote, 131 Green street, a chauffeur, driving the mail car between Fitchburg and Ashby, and John Katsis, Ashburnham hill road, who was with him, discovered the overturned machine.

They endeavored to free the men, but being unable to move the machine went to the home of E. E. Radcliffe, a half mile from the accident. Mr. Radcliffe sent word to Lieut. James F. Roy at central police station.

Medical examiner George P. Norton and Dr. Edward F. O'Malley with Patrolman Edward H. Chainey went to the scene. The Ashby authorities were notified and sent assistance. The car was lifted and the men were laid on the side of the road.

Dr. Norton, after an examination pronounced the men dead, but could not order the bodies moved, as Ashby is not in his district. Selectman James Allen, Ashby, took charge until the arrival of Medical examiner Frank S. Bulkeley, Ayer, at 9 o'clock.

Herman F. Brandes, of 267 Myrtle avenue, president of the Springfield Manufacturing Company of this city, and works manager of the Putnam Machine Company of Fitchburgh, established identification of the men, when he arrived with other officials. Mr. Brandes was overcome, when he saw the lifeless forms.

Medical Examiner Bulkeley stated that death was probably due to strangulation.

The bodies were removed late last night in the police ambulance to the undertaking rooms of H. L. Sawyer & Co., Oliver street.

Mr. Lindstrom was about 40 years old, and lived on Marion street. He has a wife and four children.

The auto was extensively damaged. The steering wheel was smashed, windshield broken, and the right front frame, mud guard, spring and headlight demolished. The rear left tire was flat.

Mr. Hughes left his position as production superintendent of the Bullard plant for the superintendency of the Putnam Machine Co., in Fitchburgh, known also as the Manning, Maxwell & Moore plant, a year ago.

Mr. Brandes had been superintendent of the Bullard Machine Tool Co., and resigned to take a position with the Manning, Maxwell & Moore Co. Knowing Mr. Hughes' ability, he brought him with him.

Mr. Hughes was born in Bridgeport, Oct. 15, 1874. After graduating from a grammar school and the Bridgeport High school, he learned the machinist and tool making trade at the plant of the Eaton, Cole & Burnham Co., now the Crane Co. Afterwards he was engaged in the engineering and designing departments, until 1900, when he accepted a position with a large concern in Berlin, Germany. He remained there approximately three years.

Returning to the United States, he became connected with the engineering department of the Kennedy Valve Co., Coxsackie, N. Y., leaving there to enter the engineering department of

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ADJUST CHARGE MADE AGAINST ATTORNEY KANE

Grievance Committee Will Not Press Allegation, Following Meeting.

It was learned today that the Grievance committee of the Fairfield County bar will not press the charge recently made against Attorney George Kane by a client. The committee met this morning at the county courthouse and it was reported later that the complaint against Attorney Kane had been satisfactorily adjusted. It was charged that the lawyer had failed to file an accounting in an estate in which he had been retained.

The committee met this afternoon to consider the complaint made against Attorney John P. Gray. No charge of financial irregularity was against the lawyer. The dispute arose regarding the handling of divorce suits brought by Oscar E. Kessler and Johanna H. G. Kessler of this city. It is claimed that the matter was only a misunderstanding.

HOLCOMB READY TO BE DRAFTED, HE REITERATES

Governor Isn't Going to Quit and Would Take Job Again.

Hartford, June 16.—In a recent speech at Stamford certain utterances made by Governor Holcomb were construed by some as indicating that he would retire from public life at the end of his present term. Inquiry was made today concerning such intention. The governor replied:

"If the Republican convention renominates me I will accept for another term. As I have said before, I am willing to be drafted but I will make no canvass for the nomination or do anything to secure the election of a single delegate."

Governor Holcomb will leave the state June 23 for Salt Lake City, Utah, to attend the annual meeting of the governors of all the states in the Union. He will be absent ten days or so. In his absence, Lieut. Governor Wilson of Bridgeport will act as governor.

WHITMAN ISN'T CERTAIN ABOUT HELP OF MOOSE

"You Never Can Tell," He Says Before Call on Hughes.

New York, June 16.—Governor Chas. S. Whitman arrived here today from Albank, expecting to confer during teh day with Charles E. Hughes, Republican candidate for President. Governor Whitman, when asked if he thought the Progressives would support the Republican ticket, replied:

"You never can tell."

Governor Whitman went direct to the hotel where Mr. Hughes has his headquarters and went into conference with the candidate. Myron T. Herrick of Ohio, former ambassador to France, joined this consultation.

Mr. Hughes expected to leave this city late today for Washington, to return here probably Sunday night.

Blame Burglaries On Old Offender Found in West End

Many of the recent burglaries and thefts in the West End are believed by the police to be the result of the work of John Tracy, an old offender. He was arrested yesterday afternoon on the complaint of Mrs. Robert Moore of 72 Ogden street who saw him enter the home of Mrs. Matilda Silhaby at 64 Organ street.

Tracy is alleged to be the one who entered Mrs. Silhaby's home the day before and stole $8 from a bank, 58 cents and 75 cents from two pocketbooks and also two $10 gold pieces and a watch belonging to a boarder. It is believed that he also entered the People's Market at 1248 State street Wednesday night and stole 300 pennies for 132 pennies and 48 cents in other change were found on him when arrested by Detective Seery and Doorman William Lundberg.

In the Bertillon department, Tracy is listed for several arrests in 1904 and 1911 and is known as Tracy, John Cramer and James Walsh. He also has a record in Waterbury. His case was continued in the city court for further investigation.

THOUSANDS PRISONERS OF RUSSIA

War Office Reports New Capture of 14,000 Men on Southern Front — Dead Man Hill Scene of Heavy Fighting.

Austrians Mass Big Force For Attack Against Italians on Tyrol Front—Bulgars Withdraw From Rumania.

Petrograd, June 16—The capture of an additional 100 officers and 14,000 men was announced today by the war office. The Russian successes in the offensive along the southern front are continuing, the statement declares.

Austrians in Big Drive.

Rome, June 16—Austro-Hungarian troops estimated to number 18,000 attacked in dense formation the Italian positions on theAsiago Plateau. They were repulsed, leaving piles of corpses before the Italian trenches, says an official statement given out by the war office here today.

Bulgars Withdraw Troops.

Athens, June 16—It was reported in Athens today that the Bulgarians their forces from Saloniki to the Rumanian frontier.

Heavy Fighting At Verdun.

Paris, June 16—Powerful German attacks made last night on the French position southeast of Thismont Farm on the Verdun front broke down under the French machine gun and infantry fire, according to today's statement by the war office.

The statement says that the Germans began their assaults at 6 o'clock in the evening on the right bank of the Meuse from Hill No. 321 to the edge of Hill No. 320. At the same time another attack was launched at the southern edge of the Caillette Wood. Attacks were repulsed.

The trench captured by the French yesterday on the southern slope of Dead Man Hill was also the subject of several German attacks during the night, all of which failed. It is announced that the total number of prisoners taken by the French at the time of the capture of the trench is five officers and 180 soldiers.

RUSSIANS USE JAP GUNS.

London, June 16—A Central News despatch from Petrograd says that much of the effectiveness of the Russian artillery in their great Galician drive is due to the use of big Japanese guns. These guns are said to be more powerful than any that the Prussians have had heretofore and are charged with shells filled with a new explosive, the destructive power of which is terrific.

BRITISH ARE WITHDRAWING.

Constantinople, June 16—A further withdrawal by the British below Kut-El-Amara on the Tigris after the recent repulse by the Turks of an attempt to advance, is reported in a statement today by the Turkish war office.

WOMAN'S CAR BUMPS ANOTHER AND PEDESTRIAN

Mrs. Sackman Turns to Avoid Man and Crashes Into Another Car.

To avoid striking William Rignay of 944 East Main street as he crossed Barnum avenue just east of East Main street shortly before 1 o'clock today, Mrs. C. M. Sackman of 309 East avenue swerved her car to the left and it crashed into the automobile owned by George C. Edwards of 174 Park place smashing the radiator and mudguards of the Sackman machine and doing some damage to the Edward's car.

Rignay had alighted from a north bound East Main street car and was crossing the street when Traffic Policeman Carl Henckel signalled the traffic on Barnum avenue to move. Mrs. Sackman was driving east and as she reached the other side of the street, Rignay stepped in front of the machine. She turned to avoid hitting him but was unsuccessful and he was knocked to the ground and her automobile crashed into the Edwards machine.

The running board and mudguards of the latter car were bent and broken by the force of the impact. Rignay was picked up and the ambulance corpse was summoned but the doctor in charge found that he was only bruised and did not require medical attention.

Policeman Henckel took both parties to the second precinct police station but as the matter was one for civil action, no one was placed under arrest.

At the time of the accident, the streets were crowded with people returning to their work in the nearby factories and when the cars crashed a large crowd gathered.

New Haven, June 16—Forecast: unsettled, probably showers tonight and Saturday; rising temperature.

"PEACE, PROSPERITY AND PREPAREDNESS," TEXT OF PLATFORM OF DEMOCRATS

Democratic Platform

Following is the text, in part, of the platform adopted today at St. Louis by the Democratic National convention:

The Democratic Party in convention assembled adopts the following declaration, to the end that the people of the United States may both realize the achievements wrought by four years of Democratic administration and be apprised of the principles to which the party is committed for the further conduct of national affairs.

Record of Achievement.

We endorse the administration of Woodrow Wilson. It speaks for itself. It is the best expression of sound Democratic policy at home and abroad.

We challenge comparison of our record, our keeping of pledges, and our constructive legislation, with those of any party of any time.

We found our country hampered by special privilege, a vicious tariff, obsolete banking laws and an inelastic currency. Our foreign affairs were dominated by commercial interests for their selfish ends. The Republican party, despite repeated pledges was impotent to correct abuses which it had fostered. Under our administration, under a leadership which was never faltered, these abuses have been corrected and our people have been freed therefrom.

Our archaic banking and currency system, prolific of panic and disaster under Republican administrations—long the refuge of the money trust—has been supplanted by the federal reserve act, a true Democracy of credit under government control, already proved a financial bulwark in a world crisis mobilizing our resources, placing abundant credit at the disposal of legitimate industry and making a currency panic impossible.

We have created a federal trade commission to accommodate the perplexing questions arinsing under the anti-trust laws so that monopoly may be strangled at its birth and legitimate industry encouraged. Fair competition in business is now assured.

We have affected an adjustment of the tariff adequate for revenue under peace conditions and fair to the consumer and to the producer. We have adjusted the burdens of taxation so that swollen incomes bear their equitable share. Our revenues have been sufficient in times of world stress and will largely extend the expenditures for the current fiscal year.

We have lifted human labor from the category of commodities and have secured to the workingman the right of voluntary association for his protection and welfare. We have protected the rights of the laborer against the unwarranted issuance of writs of injunction and have guaranteed to him the right of trial by jury in cases of alleged contempt committed outside the presence of the court.

We have advanced the parcel post to genuine efficiency, enlarged the postal savings system, added 10,000 rural delivery routes and extensions, thus reaching two and one-half millions additional people, improved the postal service in every branch and, for the first time in our history placed the post office system on a self-supporting basis, with actual surplus in 1913, 1914 and 1916.

Economic Freedom.

The reforms which were most obviously needed to clear away privilege, prevent unfair discrimination and release the energies of men of all ranks and advantages, have been effected by recent legislation.

We must now remove, so far as possible, every remaining element of unrest and uncertainty from the path of the business men of America and secure for them a continued period of quiet, assured and confident prosperity.

Tariff.

We re-affirm our belief in the doctrine of a tariff for the purpose of providing sufficient revenue for the operation of the government economically administered and unreservedly endorse the Underwood tariff law as truly exemplying that doctrine. We recognize that tariff rates are necessarily subject to change to meet changing conditions in the world's production and trade. The events of the last two years have brought about many momentuous changes which in some respects the effects are yet conjectural and wait to be disclosed, particularly in regard to our foreign trades. Two years of a war which has directly involved most of the chief industrial nations of the world and which has indirectly affected the life and industry of all nations are bringing about economic changes more varied and far-reaching than the world has ever before experienced. In order to ascertain just what those changes may be, the Democratic Congress is providing for a non-partisan tariff commission to make impartial and thorough study of every economic fact that may throw light either upon our part or on our fiscal policy with regard to imposition of taxes on imports or with regard to the changed and changing conditions under which our trade is carried on. We cordially endorse this timely proposal and declare ourselves in sympathy with the principle and purpose of shaping legislation within that field in accordance with clearly established facts rather than in accordance with the demands of selfish interests or upon information provided largely, if not exclusively by them.

Americanism.

The part that the United States will play in the new days of international relationships which is now upon us will depend upon our preparation and our character. The Democratic party therefore recognized the assertion and triumphant demonstration of the inadvisability and coherent strength of the nation as the supreme issue of this day in which the whole world faces the crisis of manifold changes. It summons all men of whatever origin or creed, who would count themselves Americans to join in making clear to all the world the unity and consequent power of America.

This is an iss euof patriotism. To taint it with partisanship would be to defile it. In this day of test, America must show itself not a nation of partisans but a nation of patriots. There is gathered here in America the best of the blood, the industry and the genius of the whole world, the element of a great race and magnificent society to be melted into a mighty and splendid nation.

Whoever, actuated by the purpose to promote the interest of a foreign power in disregard to our own country's welfare or to injure this government in its foreign relations or cripple or destroy its industries at home and whoever by arousing prejudices of a racial religious or other nature creates discord and strife among our people so as to obstruct the wholesome process of unification, is faithless to the trust which the privileges of citizenship repose in him and disloyal to his country.

We, therefore, condemn as subversive of this nation's unity and integrity and as destructive of the welfare, the activities and designs of every group, or organization, political or otherwise, that has for its object the advancement of the interest of a foreign power, whether such object is promoted by intimidating the government, a political party or representatives of the people or which is calculated and tends to divide our people into antagonistic groups and thus to destroy that complete agreement and solidity for the people and that unity of sentiment and national purpose so essential to the perpity of the nation and its free institutions.

We condemn all alliances and combinations of individuals in this country of whatever nationality or descent who agree and conspire together for the purpose of embarrassing or weakening our government or of improperly influencing with any foreign power. We charge that such conspiracies among a limited number exist and have been instigated for advancing the interests of foreign countries to the prejudice and detriment of our own country. We condemn any political party which in view of the activity of such conspirators surrenders its integrity or modifies its policy.

Preparedness.

Along with the proof of our character as a nation must go the proof of our power to play the part that legitimately belongs to us. The people of the United States love peace. They respect the rights and covet the friendship of all other nations. They desire neither any additional territory nor any advantage which cannot be peacefully gained by their skill, their industry or their enterprise; but they insist upon having absolute freedom of national life and policy and feel that they owe it to themselves and to the role of spirited independence which it is their sole ambition to play that they should render themselves secure against the hazard of interference from any quarter and should be able to protect their rights upon the seas or in any part of the world. We, therefore, favor the maintenance of an army fully adequate to the requirements of order, of safey and of the protection of the nation's rights, the fullest development of modern methods of a coast defense and the maintenance of an adequate reserve of citizens trained to arms and prepared to safeguard the people and territory of the United States against any danger of hostile action which may unexpectedly arise, and a fixed policy for the continuous development of a navy worthy to support the great naval traditions of the United States and fully equal to the international tasks which the United Sttes hoped and expects to take a part in performing. The plans and enactments of the present Congress afford substantial proof of our purpose in this exigent matter.

International Relations

The Democratic administration has throughout the present war scrupulously and successfily held to the old paths of neutrality and of the peaceful pursuit of the legitimate objects of our national life, which statesmen of all parties and creeds have prescribed for themselves in America sinre the beginning of our history. But the circumstances of the last two years have revealed necessities of international action which no former generation can have foreseen. We hold that it is tht duty of the United States its power not only to make itself safe at home but also to make secure its just interests throughout the world and both for this end and in the interest of humanity to assist the world in securing settled peace and justice. We believe that every people has the right to choose the sovereignty under

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Following Spectacular Midnight Session That Renominates President Wilson and Vice-President Marshal, Convention Adopts Report of Resolutions Committee—Platform is Vigorous Defense of Wilson's Policies and Contains Striking and Specific Promises of Immediate Remedial Legislation.

Coliseum, St. Louis, June 16—After 24 hours' deliberation, the resolutions committee this afternoon presented to the Democratic National convention its completed platform.

Following the midnight session at which President Wilson and Vice President Marshall were nominated by acclamation amid wild cheering, delegates were anxious today to complete the business of the convention.

The platform as completed presented a vigorous defense of President Wilson's administration; lauded his policies as regards European affairs and Mexico; embodied the President's own plank of denunciation of "hyphenates"; and gave promise of immediate and specific remedial legislation in various and important directions. "Peace, prosperity and preparedness" constituted its general burden.

Indications at 3 o'clock were that the convention would complete its business today.

The platform committee began its final session at midnight and worked until dawn. The report of the committee was presented by Senator Stone, the chairman.

The planks on "hyphenates," President Wilson's foreign policies and preparedness were of utmost interest to delegates and as drafted received hearty approval.

At 11 o'colck, the hour of the final session of the convention to begin, there were not more than 200 delegates in the Coliseum and the seats were filling slowly. The first gallery rows were filled but there were no crowds around the doors.

The convention having been called to order by Chairman James, prayer was offered by Rabbi Leon Harrison, of St. Louis, who gave thanks for "the greatest leader of this nation, wielding no strong arm of flash and yet triumphant in his invincible plea for justice and humanity." He gave thanks for" the wise and noble President of the United States who has warded off disaster, who with firm and fearless hand has steered us between the menace of both warfare and dishonor, assuring the people peace without shame, a proud peace with a head erect and diginty undiminshed."

Chairman James called for the report of the platform committee but it was not ready and the convention settled down to wait.

At 11:43 Chairman James announced that the platform report would be made in a few minutes.

In response to a request from delegates to fix the time and place for notification of President Wilson and Vice-President Marshall, of their renomination, Chairman James explained that it was the plan to confer first with the candidates.

Senator Reed, of Missouri, then made a speech to fill in the time.

The burden of Reed's speech was an attack on the nomination of Mr. Hughes because he was taken from the supreme court bench. He read a statement which he attributed to Mr. Hughes in 1912 which declared against supreme court justices entering politics.

While Senator Reed was speaking, Senator Stone, hairman of the platform committee, entered the hall and although the platform had not yet been presented to the convention, he authorized its publication because it had been published without authority and in violation of pledges of confidence in some parts of the country.

Senator Stone made a brief introductory address. "I am not going to read it," he said, referring to the platform. "I have not been able to sleep a moment in more than 30 hours."

Chairman Stone delegated the reading to Senator Walsh, of Montana, and Senator Hollis, of New Hampshire.

Senator Walsh took the speaker's stand first and began reading at 12:36 o'clock. Later he was relieved by Senator Hollis, who finished reading the platform at 1:30 p. m. Chairman Stone then moved the adoption of the platform as read. Applause greeted the reading of various passages, notably those of "Americanism," foreign policies, Latin-America and woman's suffrage, the latter, however, getting more of a demonstration from the men than the women.

President is Grateful.

Washington, June 16—President Wilson arose early today to read accounts in the morning papers telling of his renomination by the Demovratic convention at St. Louis late last night. He had been awakened from sleep an hour after midnight by Secretary Tumulty and told over the telephone of the convention's action i naming him and Vice-President Marshall by acclamation.

"I am very grateful to my friends," was his only comment.

The President retired only after receiving over special White House telegraph wires assurances that the Americanism plank denouncing political activity of persons of foreign birth would be adopted without change from his own draft.

Fairbanks is Congratulated.

Indianapolis, June 16—Vice-President Marshall, whow as renominated by acclamation at the St. Louis convention last night, and Charles Warren Fairbanks, former vice-president, who was named by the Chicago convention, both are residents of Indianapolis and are warm personal friends of long standing. Among the first to congratulate Mr. Fairbanks on his nomiation was Mr. Marshall and today the Republican nominees sent his congratulations to the vice-president.

Both Mr. Fairbands and Mr. Marshall are ready to enter upon their campaigns as soon as they have been officially notified of their nomination.

COL. ROOSEVELT, AGAIN STRICKEN, CONFINED TO HIS HOTEL APARTMENT

New York, June 16.—Col. Theodore Roosevelt suffered another severe coughing spell last night and this morning, and was barely able to speak above a whisper. His condition had so little improved that his physician, Dr. Hubert Guile, was called to the hotel where he is staying. Dr. Guile tok him to his office for examination.

The Colonel's appearance as he left the hotel was haggard and he shook his head negatively when asked if he felt any better.

Dr. Guile took the Colonel to the office of Dr. Arthur B. Duel, about two blocks away from the Colonel's hotel. After remaining about 20 minutes, Col. Roosevelt walked back to the hotel alone, very slowly, and immediately retired to his room.

Mrs .Roosevelt left work at the hotel office that her husband would receive no callers today. A special delivery letter which arrived for the Colonel was not sent up.

Arrest Sailor Who Slashes Coats of Three Pedestrians

Nathan Buckner of Philadelphia, a sailor was arrested on Water street this afternoon for slashing coats of pedestrians. He walked up to John Bobalsky of 531 James street, Edward Manchester, a member of the Stratford police department and John McGraw of the Central House and ripped their coats with a knife. They said he had no provocation. Policeman Edward Dailey saw him wield the knife and arrested him.

Jitney Driver Hits Boy on Bicycle And Then Speeds Away

While riding a bicycle this afternoon at Washington avenue and James street, Kenneth Johnson, aged 10, of 70 High street, was struck and knocked into the roadway by a jitney 'bus. His wheel was smashed and one of his toes was lacerated.

The driver of the 'bus stopped for a moment, then drove away. The number of the car given the police is C4998, and O. Frankel is listed as the owner.