HANCOCK PREDICTED OWN DEATH

THOUGHT BIG AUTO WOULD KILL HIM

MILLIONAIRE HAD PREMONITION OF HIS END

EXPRESSED HIS FOREBODINGS

Premonitory Feelings Held by Millionaire That His Automobile Would Be Cause of Terminating His Life's Career

Milton T. Hancock, the millionaire inventor and plow manufacturer, met his death as he himself predicted. "Boys, that automobile will be the death of me," he remarked Tuesday afternoon to the men who were at work repairing the machine. "I am not much on forebodings, but that is the way it looks to me."

The accident on South Main street Thursday night, in which the big red automobile carried him to his death, bore out his prediction, made half in jest, half in earnest, two days before.

Battered and partially demolished, but with its machinery still in fair condition, the machine was towed to the residence of its late owner yesterday afternoon by Fred Winnett, Hancock's former chauffeur, who at the command of the wealthy plow maker has often sent the auto over the country roads at express train speed.

In company with two other machines partly dismantled, with a tarpaulin thrown over it, the machine now stands in the barn at 4093 Woodlawn avenue.

When the machine was finally housed Mrs. Hancock and her two sons and Miss Hildreth, formerly secretary to Mr. Hancock, came from the house to see the destroyer of their loved one. They looked silently for several minutes, then left the barn.

Mrs. Hancock Prostrated

Mrs. Hancock, prostrated by the terrible ordeal through which she has passed, refused to see any but intimate friends. The injuries which she received have proved to be of no great importance. The 12-year-old daughter, Eugenia, was the only one yesterday to suffer pain from her injuries. With her left wrist broken and a contusion of the forehead, she was confined to her bed.

What the verdict of the coroner's jury will be, following the inquest at 9 o'clock this morning, can only be surmised. Young Hancock had driven the machine but three times. He is familiar with its workings, as he has been constantly in the company of Fred Winnett, the chauffeur, but he had little practical experience as an automobilist.

The speed of the machine at the time of the accident was far in excess of that permitted by the city ordinance.

Chief of Police Hammel visited the Hancock home yesterday afternoon, but after looking over the wrecked machine left without meeting any of the victims of the accident.

Hancock had been in the police courts several times and his reputation for speeding had ceased to be even a matter of comment.

Leaves Large Estate

Hancock carried a large amount of insurance in favor of his wife and a $15,000 policy payable to his private secretary, Miss Hildreth, who has been with him for the past eleven years and is a cousin of his wife. His patents are valued at $1,500,000.

Generous to the point of extravagance, Hancock spent the larger part of his income of $55,000 a year on his family, friends and those to whom he took a liking.

His prosperity of the early eighties, when he sold his first invention on a turn plow to the Columbus Iron works for $1000 and the agency rights, did not turn his head, but the money did not last long.

As a man understanding the art of advertising he far outshone Walter Scott, the Croesus of Death valley, in his meteoric flight in publicity during the past four weeks.

Invested Wisely

On being paid the first $1000 Hancock immediately invested $600 of the amount in a costly buggy and a dashing team of horses.

The sober minded Louisiana farmer became in a night, to all appearances, the wealthy inventor and manufacturer.

With his fine turnout he went to a little town of northern Georgia, where, with his liberality and his appearance, he gave the impression of possessing enormous wealth. He wished to meet the farmers of the locality. He paid the principal banker of the city $25 a day to accompany him into the country and introduce him. Hancock there sold territorial rights for the sale of his plow and cleared $30,000.

Following this, he went to Little Rock, Ark., and settled down as a hardware merchant. But the inventive faculty was strong within him and in a year he had made further improvements on his patents, which netted him his fortune.

Inspiration of Patent

In watching a farmer plowing he noticed that the mules pulled away from each other to lighten their work. The mules showed him an easier method of making money than by selling hardware in a southern village. Working out the principle, Hancock invented the curved axle of the disc plow, so that the discs pulled against each other in turning up the soil. Plow manufacturers recognized its worth and paid liberally for the right to use the patent.

With his capital behind him, Hancock bought up every invention that seemed to him to be an improvement on his own. To one man he gave $7000. A month ago he heard that the man was a bankrupt. Hancock owed him nothing, but he sent him $500 as a gift. This is one example of his generosity. He remembered all his relatives and many of his fellow townsmen on several occasions when he returned to his home city, giving banquets to which everyone whom he knew was invited.

Following the introduction of his plows in the United States he went to Canada to advertise them. From there he went to Mexico, where he gave a working illustration of his plow before President Diaz.

Then he went to Europe with his clever ideas on publicity and how to gain it at small expense. As a result of his untiring activity in this regard, his invention is today found all over the civilized world.

The body of Mr. Hancock will be taken to Shreveport, La., for interment in a magnificent mausoleum which he caused to be erected for himself eight years ago.

Milton T. Hancock, millionaire plow man, who met his death in an automobile accident on South Main street Thursday night, had a premonition of the manner of his taking off.

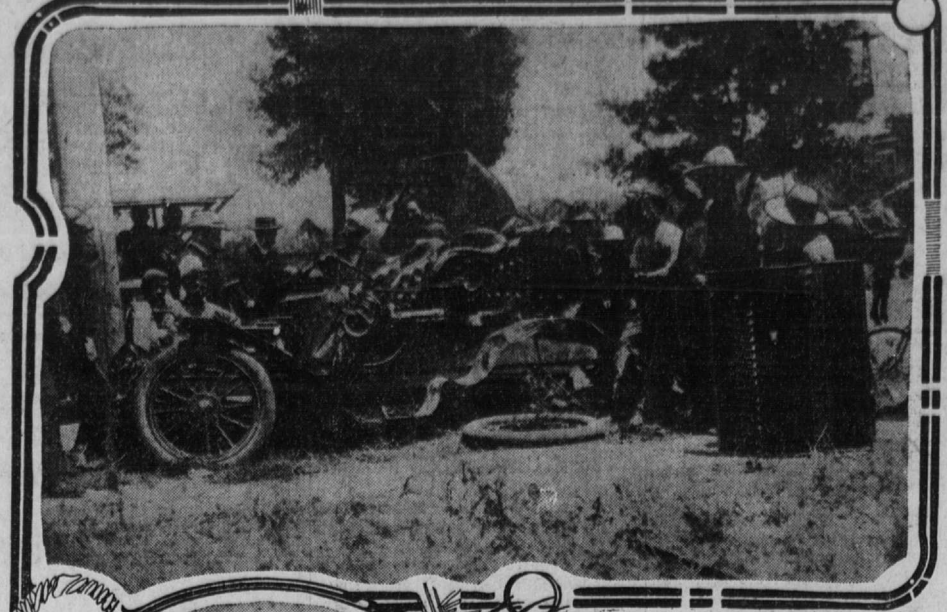
He realized the danger which for the past six months he has almost daily faced in his mad automobile racing over the roads of Los Angeles county.

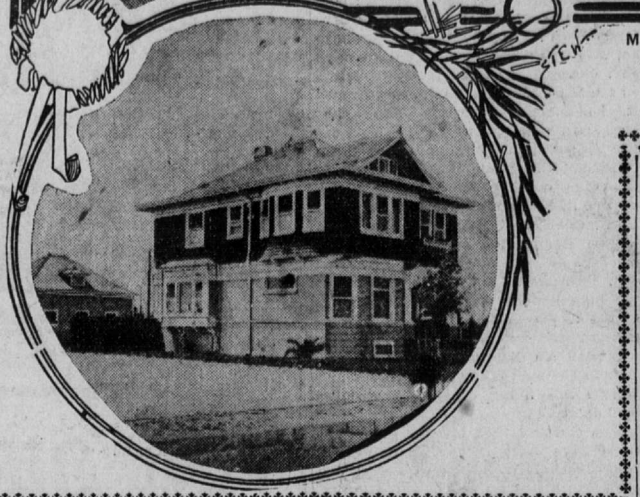
Two days before the accident he said the big red machine, with a maximum speed of sixty miles an hour and often tested to that extent, would be the means by which he would lose his life.

Friends to whom he made the remark laughed at him. It was the first time he had ever shown the white feather, they said.

Hancock replied that he did not believe in the foreboding of evil, but his automobile enthusiasm would be the death of him.

His premonition came true.





M. T. HANCOCK, WRECKED AUTOMOBILE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET, AND THE HANCOCK HOME ON WOODLAWN AVENUE

PRISONER IS WANTED ON HORSE STEALING CHARGE

James Fassett Is Alleged to Have Sold His Father-in-Law's Beast of Burden

James Fassett was arrested in Downey last night by Deputy Sheriff Franklin on a charge of horse stealing. It is alleged in the complaint that Fassett is wanted in Rich Hill, Mo., for stealing a horse from his father-in-law several months ago.

According to the story told by the deputy sheriff, Fassett sold the horse which he had stolen from his father-in-law and with the proceeds paid his way to California and has since been living in Downey.

He was sent to the county jail last night and will be held pending issuance of requisition papers.

FALLS THIRTY FEET AND IS NOT FATALLY INJURED

John Shelby Topples Off Porch While Asleep and Sustains Broken Back

While sleeping last night in a chair on the porch of his home at 1030 Maple avenue John Shelby toppled over and fell to the ground, thirty feet below, and sustained a broken back besides a number of severe bruises.

He was sent to the receiving hospital, where he was examined by Police Surgeon Quint. His injuries are not considered fatal, although paralysis of the lower limbs is expected to result.

Shelby was foreman of the Chicago livery stables at Ninth street and Maple avenue, and came to Los Angeles from Oklahoma six weeks ago.

RUNS HIS SHIP ASHORE TO WARD AGAINST PANIC

By Associated Press.

NEW YORK, July 21.—The excursion steamer Sirius was deliberately run aground off North Brother island today to avoid a panic among her 1000 passengers and a possible repetition of the Slocum disaster.

The Sirius, carrying a Sunday school picnic party, stove in her side on a rock near the very spot where the Slocum burned last year. Although Captain Pierce did not believe the ship would sink he ran her aground with all possible dispatch and emptied the crowd on to the docks with the aid of small boats. Another boat took the excursionists to their picnic grounds and tugs were sent to the disabled Sirius.

In 1870 England had 8121 schools and 135 prisons. In 1898 there were 20,022 schools and only sixty-six prisons.

Undelivered Telegrams

There are undelivered telegrams at the office of the Western Union Telegraph company for Mrs. George D. Johnstone, J. J. Elliott, Sam C. Rooney, Paul Weltstein, J. R. Walter, R. O. Rodolph, James G. Hammels, William Wain, Miss Laura McKenney, E. A. Woodward, Miss Hazel Lester, Duncan Mackinnon, R. C. Gillis, W. A. Chase, Mr. A. C. Simpkins, Mrs. A. Simpkins.

There are undelivered telegrams at the Postal Telegraph company's office, 238 South Spring street, for E. E. Easton, Morgan C. Fitzpatrick.

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Right Here Are a few of the hundreds of *great values* that have caused all would-be-competitors to take a "back seat" and filled our stores with a great multitude of frugal buyers, who know *genuine bargains* from the *counterfeit* kind thrown out by dealers in our immediate vicinity.

483 Men's All-Wool Suits—Cut, made and trimmed in a most fashionable manner; constructed from splendid wearing fabrics, in all regular sizes; garments that you'll pay other stores fully $13.50 for, now sacrificed at the marvelously low price of $7.85 — **$7.85**

MEN'S REGULAR $10 SUITS—Made from neat and most serviceable fabrics, in all regular sizes; not an old-style garment in the lot; these splendid well-finished garments will be given away today and Saturday at the next-to-nothing price of just **$5.85**

MEN'S REGULAR $16.50 AND $18 SUITS—All models of perfect tailoring; garments that were sold M. Laventhal at the above mentioned prices will now be sacrificed at the phenomenally low and can't be touched elsewhere figure of **$9.85**

Great Shoe Bargains

BOYS' $1.50 CANVAS SHOES—Made up with good wearing, strong leather soles; now go at..... **89c**

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MEN'S $2.50 CALF BALS AND CONGRESS SHOES—All widths and sizes; now sacrificed at..... **$1.19**

LADIES' $2.50 OXFORDS—Made of vici kid, in black and mahogany colors; cut to **$1.39**

Men's Pants Bargains

SPECIAL FOR TODAY—Men's 10 oz. blue denim bib overalls, all sizes—only one pair to a customer; today only **48c**

MEN'S $1.50 WORK PANTS—Made of strong, good wearing worsteds, with patent buttons and taped seams; must now go at **98c**

MEN'S $3.00 BUSINESS PANTS—In new, stylish patterns—good fitting and worth fully $3; while they last at **$1.85**

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Through vestibuled train with dining car service via Coast Line and Shasta mountains by daylight; leaves Arcade depot, Los Angeles, Saturday, July 22, at 8:55 a. m.

Grand celebration at Portland every day during the week, beginning Monday, July 24.

All applications must be made to and reservations with H. B. Gurley, secretary of the Los Angeles chamber of commerce, by July 19, in order to take advantage of this train, as accommodations will be limited.

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SALT LAKE ROUTE

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Leave Salt Lake station, Los Angeles, 7:40 a. m., 9:00 a. m., 12:30 p. m. and 5:25 p. m. GRAND SEASHORE RIDE TO SAN PEDRO. FIRST CHOICE OF STEAMER ACCOMMODATIONS.

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$60.00

Including railway fare, meals and berth, both going and returning, on the CALIFORNIA LIMITED and six days at EL TOVAR, the elegant new $250,000 hotel built by the Santa Fe at the Grand Canyon and under Harvey management.

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Leave Grand Canyon	3:00 p. m.	Aug. 3
Arrive Los Angeles	2:15 p. m.	Aug. 4

PLAN TO GO

Santa Fe agent will furnish particulars at 200 S. Spring St.