

BOY HURLED TO INSTANT DEATH BY MOTORCYCLE

VENTURES OUT ON TRACK TO VIEW ACCIDENT IS MANGLED AWFULLY, WHILE RIDER IS BADLY HURT

Lads Swarm Over Fence, Attracted by Previous Mishap, and Lester Webb is Caught by Speeding Machine

While driving a motorcycle at a speed of fifty-five miles an hour in the preliminary practice for the Admission day races at Agricultural park yesterday afternoon Charles Balke, known on the track as "Fearless Balke," ran over and instantly killed Lester Webb, a seven-year-old boy who climbed the fence and ran out on the track when Ben B. Breesee, who was in front of Balke, fell from his motorcycle.

Six riders were following each other closely and making terrifically fast time when the vacuum cylinder of the machine Breesee was riding blew out and he was thrown to the ground. To the crowd of boys, who had been warned repeatedly to keep back of the fence, it looked like an accident, and many of them rushed out on the track regardless of cries of warning from those who knew that other motorcycles would come around the curve in a moment.

Little Lester Webb, a pretty blue-eyed boy, whose parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Webb, live at 332 West Santa Barbara street, could not resist the excitement of the moment. Pushing his brother's bicycle before him he and Tommy Webb ran with the others to see what had happened to Breesee. Before he could reach the spot the motorcycle came around the curve. They had been practicing for several all afternoon and had made records of a mile in from 53 1-2 seconds up to 1:10. The first rider was Balke, closely followed by Paul Durkin, who kept the boys off the track. All of them but Lester Webb sprang to safety as soon as they saw Balke. The boy, hindered as he was by his bicycle, which he would not let go of, tried to escape when it was too late. Balke was then coming at the boy, and both legs were broken and his left arm was fractured. Balke lay on the ground unconscious and everything was done for him as soon as he was taken to the automobile from the University police station that took him to the receiving hospital.

Those who witnessed the accident absolve Balke of all blame. "It was almost impossible to keep the boys off the track," said one of the officials. "I was kept busy forcing them back as they surged forward in their eagerness to see the race, and I did not know they simply swarmed over the fence." When Mrs. Webb, the mother, was told of the death of Lester she threw up her hands and fell to the floor. She said she could say "Why didn't Tommy take care of him?" Tommy is the twelve-year-old brother who went with the boys to spend the holiday watching the motorcycle races. He was seen at the park holding his little brother by the hand and keeping close to the rail. When the accident occurred it is thought that both boys ran out across the track, but up to a late hour last night Tommy Webb had not appeared at home. It is believed that he fled to his mother's home, where his brother had wandered away alone, not knowing where he went.

The Webbs live in a little bungalow at 232 Santa Barbara street. John Webb is a mechanical engineer. There are two boys beside Lester, Tommy and George. But Lester, who was a clean, mainly little fellow, was the pet of the family and of the neighborhood. Balke, whose injuries are serious, was revived at the receiving hospital after a record run by the police automobile. He has a good chance of recovery unless complications set in. He is a messenger boy for the Diamond Rubber company, is seventeen years old and has been riding his motorcycle, a three and a half cylinder Thor, for just a year. In that time he has won many races in Riverside, Fresno and San Bernardino counties. The body of Webb was removed to the Breesee undertaking establishment. The date for the inquest has not yet been set.

LAD WHO WAS KILLED BY RACING CYCLIST



LESTER WEBB

LEAPS OFF BOAT FAR OUT IN SEA

BELIEVE WIDOW OF NOTED LAWYER TOOK LIFE

Daughter Faints When, on Arrival of Vessel from San Francisco, She is Informed of Mother's Fate

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Mrs. Elisa Neumann, widow of Paul Neumann, for many years legal adviser to the late King Kalakaua of Hawaii, disappeared on the night of September 1 from the Pacific Mail steamer City of Sydney, which arrived here today from Acapeculo, Mexico. It is the belief of the officers of the vessel that Mrs. Neumann jumped overboard and committed suicide. Mrs. Neumann was last seen on deck by a passenger about 11 o'clock at night. Shortly afterward she was missed. A hurried search of the ship was made, but she could not be found. Capt. William H. McLean ordered the steamer put about and the vessel steamed back over her course for some distance, searching the water with her searchlights. No trace of the missing woman was found.

Daughter Prostrated

When the City of Sydney docked this morning Mrs. H. Focks, a daughter of Mrs. Neumann, who had arrived here several days ago from Honolulu to meet her mother, was at the wharf to greet her. When she learned of the fate of her mother she collapsed and had to be taken away by friends. She was said by officers of the City of Sydney that Mrs. Neumann appeared to be very despondent on the voyage. Her husband, who was prominent in Honolulu under Kalakaua's reign, died twelve years ago. Recently her father and mother died, and it is said that but a short time ago a son was killed on a British warship.

LAMPLIGHTER DISCOVERED MURDERED NEAR YONKERS

YONKERS, Sept. 7.—The body of Antonio Sorrelli, a lamplighter, who did not go out when the strike was called in this city, was found in the wood near here. His head had been crushed by blows from a heavy stone. The police have made eight arrests quickly upon the killing of Gregari Disilvate, a Mount Vernon lamplighter, who was kicked to death.

THE NEWS SUMMARY

FORECAST For Los Angeles and vicinity: Cloudy Tuesday, possibly showers in the mountains; light south winds. Maximum temperature yesterday, 87 degrees; minimum 64 degrees.

COAST Seattle police find more evidence of guilt of Alaska man who admitted dismembering and eating his wife.

Palo Alto butcher laments wife while little girl is looking on. San Jose boy accepts dare, goes up in a balloon 6000 feet and drops without parachute, unharmed.

St. Paul real estate man killed and wife badly injured in auto accident.

Gen. J. H. Harriman to get big reception in San Francisco today.

Oakland police try to connect Arkel, accused of murdering clubwoman found buried in marsh, with murder of Contra Costa woman years ago.

Conference of drainage promoters in San Francisco would modify drainage law.

EASTERN Bryan delivers eloquent Labor day speech to vast crowd in Chicago and impressively expounds issues between capital and labor. Great cities of nation celebrate Labor day with big parades and fine programs.

Police in Atlantic City, N. J., still worrying over Robert's shooting scrape.

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Yok woman has second battle with maniac in three weeks.

Democrats of Colorado and Montana hold state conventions today.

FOREIGN Carpenter in Germany is notified that he has fallen heir to \$5,700,000, all in cash, besides several large estates.

BRYAN SPEAKS TO BIG CROWDS IN WINDY CITY

LABOR DAY ADDRESS STIRS GREAT MULTITUDE

THOUSANDS CHEER NEBRASKAN IN WILD ENTHUSIASM

Celebration in Chicago Eclipses All Previous Efforts—Monster Parade Held in Nation's Metropolis. Observance General

CHICAGO, Sept. 7.—Organized labor today paid a grand tribute to W. J. Bryan. Although it was Labor day it soon became manifest that the workers had made it Bryan day.

Within an hour after his arrival in the city the Democratic candidate for president, standing on the balcony of the Auditorium hotel, received the plaudits of tens of thousands of toilers as they marched in one of the largest labor parades in the history of Chicago.

The air rang with cheer after cheer, and continued. So insistent for a speech was the crowd in front of the hotel that Mr. Bryan yielded. In the course of a brief address he paid a tribute to labor and said he believed in the observance of Labor day because he thought "We all ought to strive to assist in dignifying the noblest way the honest toil upon which our nation properly rests."

After luncheon Mr. Bryan was conducted to Forest park, several miles away, where he was scheduled to deliver a Labor day address.

Without any preliminaries President John Fitzpatrick of the Chicago Federation of Labor introduced Mr. Bryan, who because of the cheering, stood for many minutes at the front of the pavilion before he could begin his speech on the abuse of the injunction in labor disputes.

The speech was practically duplicated at Brands park an hour afterward, where the electrical workers were gathered. From the moment the presidential candidate arrived here until he retired for the night he was in charge of labor leaders and leading business men. The whole city went wild to welcome and entertain him.

He then entered an automobile which conveyed him to Forest park, where he addressed the union men at 4 o'clock P. M.

The Labor day parade, under the direction of John Fitzpatrick, president of the Chicago federation of labor, was the greatest event of the kind since 1892.

For the first time since that year the printers were in the line of march. Partly on account of their strength of numbers and partly in honor of the great day of labor, they were given the place at the head of the column.

Following the printers were the pressmen, book binders and other printing craftsmen. The Women's Trade Union league followed in tallioh coaches and all in time to find Rodriguez standing over the dying form of his wife with a smoking revolver in his hand.

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Slayer Surrenders

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He admitted that he was jealous of her, and accused her of too great friendship for another man to whom, he said, she desired to go. Now that he had killed her, for she lived only a few moments, Rodriguez declared he had no further desire to live, and threatened to take his own life. He was locked up.

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Great Commoner Speaking from His Car on Strenuous Tour of the Northwest States



SHOOTS WIFE AS MARCHIE GRESS CHILD LOOKS ON AMONG FRIENDS

PALO ALTO BUTCHER SLAYS IN JEALOUSY

Neighbor, Rushing Up, Finds Little Girl Weeping Over Body—"Papa Has Shot Mamma," She Says

PALO ALTO, Sept. 7.—Felix Rodriguez, a butcher, shot and killed his wife early this morning in the front garden of her home on Forest avenue, between Waverly and Cowper avenues.

No one saw the shooting except one of the slayer's two small children, the other being ill in bed; but G. M. Ord of the Western Union Telegraph company, by hearing the shot followed by the woman's screams, rushed to the scene in time to find Rodriguez standing over the dying form of his wife with a smoking revolver in his hand.

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CAPTURE CRANK TRYING TO FIND THE PRESIDENT

LURKS NEAR SAGAMORE HILL WITH BIG GUN

MAY HAVE MEANT TO ASSASSINATE EXECUTIVE

When Questioned, Prisoner Declares He Came to "Ask for Ten Thousand Troops to Catch Yegmen"

OSTER BAY, N. Y., Sept. 7.—A crank armed with a bulldog revolver was caught near the president's house today by the secret service guards.

The man described himself as John Coughlin, a detective, and when stopped by the secret service men presented a card upon which was inscribed his name and the word "Officer."

He said that he had come to ask the president to order 10,000 troops to catch yegmen, who had been terrorizing Boston.

Coughlin is supposed to have reached Oyster Bay on the 12:19 train. He walked three miles to Sagamore Hill.

The road leading to the president's house forks at the tennis court, 200 yards from the house, and forms a loop about the president's place.

The two guards who were on duty in the daytime stand at either end of the house, and their view commands both roads after they form at the tennis grounds.

TELLS TAFT OF PLOT TO SLAY UNSIGNED LETTER WARNS OF SCHEME TO MURDER

Republican Candidate for Presidency Forwards Letter to Police—Plan Discussed in Box Car, Says Informant

TOPEKA, Kas., Sept. 7.—The State Journal today prints an unsigned letter, mailed in Topeka in the latter part of August, and addressed to Judge William H. Faft, in which the writer warns the Republican presidential nominee of an alleged plot to assassinate him.

The letter, which was remailed to the chief of police by direction of the judge, was received here today by the latter official. It reads: "TOPEKA, Kas., Aug. 2.—Secretary of War W. H. Taft—Dear Sir: I feel it is my duty to enlighten you on some facts that deeply concern you. Four or five suspicious-looking men were seen in close conversation in a box car, which was standing in the Rock Island railroad yards.

It was very close to the car, and having rubber heels, they did not hear me approach. They were busy formulating plans to assassinate the president, who they said would be you; and, moreover, they were going to try their best to implicate some negro men in the plot. Yours respectfully, Cole and Germain."

President Roosevelt had returned from a horseback ride only a short time before Coughlin appeared at Sagamore Hill. He did not witness the rest of the crank and had not been informed of the occurrence this evening.

The news that an armed crank had attempted to reach the president at Sagamore Hill started a rumor that a shot had been fired at the president while he was out horseback riding last Saturday.

It was said the president was riding along the cave road near the house of his cousin, W. Emlin Roosevelt, when he was fired upon by some one concealed in a clump of bushes at the roadside.

GOMPERS STARTS IN ON SPEAKER CANNON

Famous Labor Leader Makes Speech at Danville, Opening War of Federation Against House "Autocrat"

DANVILLE, Ill., Sept. 7.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, opened his campaign against the re-election of Joseph G. Cannon as a member of the national House of representatives today when he spoke to about 1000 persons at the Labor day celebration in this city.

Mr. Gompers took occasion to pay his respects to the Republican presidential ticket. "There's a glorious triumvirate," said he after he had chided both the Republican nominees with being in league with employer and not employe, adding Mr. Cannon to the list, saying: "He is the worst enemy of organized labor in the United States today."

"Labor leaders have constantly appeared in congress asking for legislation favorable to the laboring men. All they got was some flimsy bit of statute of no practical benefit. Then we went before the last national Republican convention. Some one said we got a plank on labor there. I want to tell you it was nearly a whole wood pile."

Mr. Gompers declared that he was neither a Democrat nor a Republican.

AMERICAN SENTENCED TO DIE IN HONDURAS

GRADUATE OF CORNELL CAPTURED BY ENEMY

Captain Lee Cannon, Prominent in Revolution of Southern Country, Kills Fifteen Men in Last Stand

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 7.—Passengers on the steamer City of Sydney, which arrived here today from Panama and Central American ports, brought the news that Captain Lee Cannon is doomed to be shot.

Cannon is a graduate of Cornell, who is said to be one of the leaders in the Honduras revolution. He was captured and sentenced to death by quick trial. According to the reports he killed fifteen men in his last stand, but was finally captured.

Refugees Provided For

DULUTH, Sept. 7.—All the immediate needs of the homeless settlers on the Minnesota iron ranges have been taken care of by the Duluth and Hibbing relief committees. The fires have apparently burned themselves out.