

COUNSEL OBJECTS TO QUESTIONS WHICH MIGHT INCRIMINATE IN HANSON DEATH ENQUIRY

A coroner's jury inquiring into the death of Ralph M. Hanson, Marysville, C. N. R. brakeman which occurred on Tuesday night at Forest Hill, decided that the driver, Harry W. Hutchinson, of this city, lost control of the car in which both were driving on a curve at Salamance Station as a result of a blow out in the right rear tire, causing the car to swerve, miss a pole and crash into a large birch tree on the right hand side of the road. Hanson, the jury agreed, died accidentally of a broken neck.

The inquest was held in the Victoria Public Hospital on Thursday night, beside the cot of Hutchinson, who received a fractured pelvis and other injuries in the accident. Dr. Charles MacKay, the coroner presided. The investigation lasted about two hours, the jury deliberating on the evidence of seven witnesses for half of that time. The accident occurred at six o'clock on Tuesday night a few miles below the city.

Court Action?

The possibility of court action took form with the formal objections of W. J. West, counsel for Hutchinson, when questions were asked the injured man in his bed, that might lead to incriminating him, should a court action result. P. J. Hughes, K.C. was present in the interests of the Imperial Tobacco Co. of Canada, Ltd., with which company Hutchinson is employed as a salesman.

Hutchinson, though in a weak condition answered to questions during a brief examination. He told the jury that the accident happened just at dusk. He was travelling at between 30 and 35 miles per hour, he said. A car came towards him, and he thought it was going to hit him. He did not remember whether the car had lights or not. He pulled the wheel sharply to the right, and didn't remember anything of the crash. Afterward, he said, he remembered telling someone to "get the car that had gone by and crowded him off the road."

Witnesses heard at the inquest, which was of necessity held in the Victoria Hospital were as follows: Harry W. Hutchinson driver of the death car; Rev. and Mrs. E. C. W. Hutt, Ruslagornis, who followed the Hutchinson car some distance along the Wilsey Road on Tuesday after-

noon; W. C. Burt, proprietor of a local garage; Constable Harry McNeill; Arthur McComb, and Ernest Timms; and Dr. A. L. Gerow, local physician.

Died Within 3 Hours

Ralph M. Hanson, 36, the only other occupant of the Hutchinson car. He suffered a broken neck when the car hit a huge tree on the side of the highway and died within three hours in the Victoria Hospital. Hutchinson was seriously injured, and examination disclosed a broken pelvis and other injuries to his legs.

FRANCE FACES DRY DRIVE

Paris, France, Nov. 11—France's band of "total abstainers" is increasing with such rapidity that the country may be threatened with a strong prohibition movement, according to resolutions adopted by the eleventh congress of the "Cross of Gold", anti-alcoholic fraternity sponsored by the Catholic Church membership, which is limited to total abstainers.

In part, the resolution reads: "We have no intention of establishing prohibition in France; nor do we intend to destroy breweries, or cut down apple trees and grapevines but we are determined to combat alcoholism in every possible way. We combat it by abstaining completely, and we urge others to do likewise; but if they cannot, we advocate moderation."

The official patron of the congress was Saint-Yves, the Breton lawyer who became the favorite saint of Brittany. Pope Pius sent his apostolic benediction to the congress, which was presided over by Mgr. Jean Serand, Bishop of Saint-Brieuc. M. M. Beauchamp, engineer of the French State Railways, represented the Railroad Workers Temperance League, of which is president. Beverages during the conference were limited to water, tea, coffee and other non-alcoholic drinks, despite the fact that Saint-Brieuc and its environs are famous for Brittany cider and applejack.

THE MEN WEAR RED BONNETS IN FAROE ISLANDS BETWEEN ICELAND AND SCOTLAND

(New York Sun)

A breed of pony has made familiar the name of the Shetlands; the ring of Kipling's verse with the recurrence of the line "From the Orkneys to the Horn" gives the Orkneys a touch of world significance; the Faroe Islands, except for the geographer, are just another name until some traveller happens to stop there in the course of an arctic cruise and as a break in the journey between Scotland and Iceland.

The stop is almost certain to be at Torshavn, on the island of Streymoy, and the capital of the entire group of islands. Communication by small boats is maintained between Streymoy and the smaller islands, but Torshavn alone is visited by larger vessels and is an advertised stop in the fortnightly express service between Bergen and Reykjavik.

Size is only relative. Here in the Faroes, Torshavn, with its population of almost 3,000; its high officials, the county officer, the dean, the county judge, the sheriff and the county physician; its seminary, its high school and its school for navigation; its museum and archives; its water service station and its electric power plant, seems almost a metropolis. The main street that zigzags down over the hill to the water front, paralleling a swiftly running stream broken by waterfalls, is its Fifth avenue, its Rue de la Paix, its Regent street.

Grass Thatched Roofs

Frame houses roofed with grass instead of thatch give a touch of color to Torshavn's otherwise rather drab architecture. Another color touch is the red bonnet worn by nearly all the men, a kind of cousin to the tartan bonnet of the Scottish highlands. The winding main street is lined by tiny shops. In the show windows American made razor blades and toothpastes, Kodak films, translations in Danish of American authors, and, of course, the inevitable picture postcards. In the life of Faroe islands the transition from youth to old age must be strikingly swift for in the gatherings at the water's edge middle age is strikingly absent, the entire assemblage is made up of tow-headed children or weather-beaten old men and women. Such is Torshavn at a glance.

The name Faroe Islands means "sheep islands," for the reason that

they provide luxurious meadows for the grazing flocks. Alliteratively, studying their position on the map of the north Atlantic, they might be called "Faraway Islands" for their first chart impression is of their remoteness from all other lands. Dotting the open sea nearly midway between Scotland and Iceland, the former their closest neighbor, are nearly 250 miles away. The nearest point to Norway is nearly 4000 miles distant, and the Faroes are separated from the capital of the homeland of Denmark by approximately 800 miles.

Settled by Irish Monks.

Yet the Faroes have a history that goes back more than 1,100 years. In the beginning of the eighth century Irish monks seeking solitude, are reputed to have settled here. Another hundred years brought the first of the Norwegian conquerors and the inevitable strife and bloodshed. The Sagas tell of the fight for sovereignty between King Olaf Tryggvason and his vassal, Sigmundur Brestisson, which ended when the King succeeded in overmastering Sigmundur by astuteness and had him killed. Sigmundur was the first apostle of Christianity, which he introduced into the island about the year 1000.

Throughout the subsequent centuries Danes and Norwegians governed in turn, though from the eleventh century the people have had a hand in molding their own local laws and were directly ruled by a "lagman" who in turn was responsible to the Danish or Norwegian crown. The early fifteenth century brought a large increase in the population and a lively trade with Norway, the Shetlands, the Orkneys and Iceland. But as the result of the "black death," which raged in 1349-50, killing more than half the inhabitants, the trade of the Faroes passed into the hands of the Hanseatic League.

When in 1814, Norway was separated from Denmark, the Faroes remained with Denmark. Today the 25,000 inhabitants of the islands enjoy special privileges as an independent country within the kingdom of Denmark. The country is divided into seven electoral districts which elect a total of twenty deputies. This "Lagting" has the authority to propose new bills regarding the Faroe islands, which then have to be submitted to the parliament at Copenhagen.

STONECUTTER WANTED CHURCH CLOCK FAST

(New York Sun)

Residents of Kew Gardens noticed that for a long time the clock in the tower of the local church struck the hour and half hour several minutes in advance of the right time. A new pastor was installed recently, and among his first duties he asked the sexton to set the clock right. The next day the clock was more nearly correct, but it was still a minute fast according to the ministerial timepiece. The sexton was called upon for an explanation which in substance was as follows:

"Well, I did set the clock up a little, but you see the stonecutter across the street, works very hard, and he sometimes forgot to look at his watch. He asked me if I couldn't keep the clock a little fast so he wouldn't work overtime and miss his train."

The preacher's reply, as subsequently reported, was scarcely Biblical, but very much to the point. The clock has since been about as nearly right as any good clock could be expected to be.

HAIRCUTS, SHAVES FOR NICKEL EACH

Lakeworth, Florida, Nov. 10—The people who still long for the "good old days" of quarter haircuts and dime shaves haven't heard about Lakeworth.

Barbers, fighting a price war here, have cut the price of haircuts and shaves to a nickel each. And is business swell!

GIVES LITERACY TESTS BUT DOES NOT TAKE 'EM

(New York Sun)

They were newlyweds and registering for their first vote. Together they entered the registration office and were met with the usual demand for school diplomas as evidence of their literacy.

For days they had searched the house but in moving from one apartment to another these necessary documents had been side-tracked and could not be found.

"Then," announced the clerk, "you will have to take a test to show that you can read, write and spell."

On the successful completion of this test newlyweds returned to the clerk.

"Where do you work," he asked the bridegroom.

"In so-and-so's brewery."

"Brewery? Brewery?" the clerk said and a blank look came over his face.

"How do you spell that word?"

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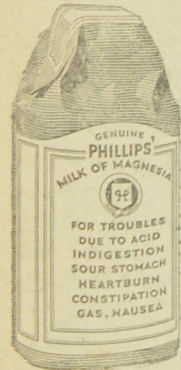
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