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COOLIDGE WINS AT LAST WITH SHIPPING BOARD

Removal of Elmer G. Crowley as President Emergency Fleet Corporation Culmination Controversy

SALE IS EXPECTED

Refusal of Mr. Crowley to Agree to Sell the Pacific Coast Ships Cost Him His Position

By DAVID LAWRENCE
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Paul Smith's N. Y., July 10.—President Coolidge has had his way at last with the Shipping Board. The removal of Elmer G. Crowley as president of the Emergency Fleet Corporation and the appointment instead of Brig. General A. C. Dalton is the culmination of a controversy which has been going on almost from the very day Mr. Coolidge took the oath of office nearly three years ago. It means that Mr. Coolidge determination to get rid of the ships operated by the Government will be carried out.

The public may any day look for an announcement that big banking interests have purchased the United States Lines which operates the Leviathian, George Washington and other steamers in the North Atlantic. For if a purchaser can be found the Government will dispose of these vessels just as was the case on the Pacific coat when the Dollar Lines purchased the Admiral-Oriental Lines.

In fact it was the refusal of Mr. Crowley to agree with the Shipping Board in the sale of the Pacific Coast ships which cost him his position. There was no reflection on him. He was put in office when the majority of the board was not in line with the Coolidge policy and when it was still believed that the Government should retain the vessels and operate them rather than let them go at a sacrifice without a guarantee that certain trade routes would be maintained.

Mr. Coolidge took his time and finally reorganized the Shipping Board by the use of his power of appointment. Accepting the resignations of Bert Haney of Oregon and Fred Thompson of Alabama who saw no opportunity to carry out the policies in which they believed, Mr. Coolidge hesitated a long time before reappointing Chairman O'Connor. The latter had voted to remove Admiral Palmer who had been appointed at the request of Mr. Coolidge. This incident was finally explained to the President by interested friends and Mr. O'Connor was forgiven and reappointed.

Now Mr. Coolidge has a majority—Messrs. O'Connor, Teller, Hill and Walsh. The minority—Admiral Benson, Democrat and vice chairman Plummer, Republican—asked in vain for the reasons for the removal of Mr. Crowley but it was not considered necessary to advise them.

Under the system in vogue, the Shipping Board has always controlled the emergency fleet corporation by asking in advance that as soon as the president of the corporation is appointed his resignation be placed in the hands of the Shipping Board so it may be accepted at any time that he does not suit the wishes of the board. Thus General Dalton's appointment will be accompanied by the submission of his resignation to conform with previous policy.

Congress has shown a disposition to interfere in the Shipping Board controversy from time to time so the plan to remove Mr. Crowley and appoint General Dalton was held up until after adjournment. Now it is presumed that the sale of ships and other questions that have postponed until a majority of the board would work with President Coolidge will be carried into effect at once. The President wanted to do this during the last recess of Congress, but he did not have a majority, as Commissioner Haney declined, believing that the northwest would lose certain trade routes if the Government sold its vessels.

The prospective sale of the United States Lines can be attributed to the fact that the Government's operation has not been inefficient but on the road to profit. That was the complaint of some of the commissioners. They objected to the sales of the lines that were becoming profitable on both the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts, leaving the Government to foot the bill on the other routes.

Recently the Shipping Board let it be known that the Leviathan would be on a paying basis this year. This was regarded as a forerunner of certain sales because private interests have been unwilling to buy any lines that could not be made profitable.

Under the law the ships sold by the Government can never be resold to foreign steamship companies. This means that if some day American concerns fail to make the lines profitable they will be in a position to ask Congress to remove that obstacle or buy back the ships. In any event the retention of the Leviathan, which carried almost an army itself to Europe during the war, is assured for the American merchant marine in case of national emergency.

FIRST COTTON BLOOM SHOWN

Harbinger of millions to come along a little later, the first cotton blossom of the season grown on a Pasquotank County farm was exhibited here today by J. H. Humphlett, living on Route 2, between this city and Weeksville. Due to unfavorable weather early in the growing season, cotton is later this year than usual, the first blooms being exhibited a week earlier last year.

COUNCIL DROPS WIDENING PLAN

City Fathers in Called Session Decide to Leave Colonial Avenue As It Is

Agitation to widen Colonial avenue, from Road street to Martin, met a decided setback Friday afternoon at a special session of the City Council, called for consideration of the measure, when the Council adjourned without having taken action to rescind a motion passed at a previous meeting, to let the street remain as it is.

The Council met in the offices of City Manager Ferebee, with Chairman P. C. Cohoon presiding in the absence of Mayor McCabe. All members were present except Mr. Davis, who was out of the city.

Present to oppose any move to widen the street ersewhile dubbed Matthews were Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Houtz, Mrs. C. W. Melick, and Miss Mary Bright, all of whom live on it. They offered the objection that they had invested considerable money in beautifying their homes, and that to widen the street might tend to jeopardize that investment.

The delegation held also that there would be plenty of room for traffic on Colonial avenue at the principal point of present congestion—between Road and Elliott streets—if the city parking ordinances were enforced more stringently, especially the one prohibiting the repair of automobile on the street.

Councilman Bright offered a motion to widen the street, but was reminded by Chairman Cohoon of the earlier motion to leave it as it is, and was informed that before his motion could be passed, the earlier one must be rescinded. After some discussion, the Council dropped the matter entirely.

Diamond Bar Pin Still Is Missing

Another tweny-four hours of intensive investigation has failed to develop a clue leading to the recovery of a handsome diamond bar pin stolen Thursday afternoon from the home of Mrs. Clay Foreman, on West Main street, police stated today.

The pin, which is of platinum, set with 23 diamonds, was the property of Mrs. Foreman's daughter, Mrs. Marion C. Love, having been a wedding gift from her husband. It is said to have been worth $1,200 to $2,000. A valuable diamond bracelet was taken also.

The jewels were stolen from a bureau drawer in Mrs. Love's boudoir while members of the family were away.

METHODISTS ASKED BOYCOTT EXPOSITION

Philadelphia, July 10.—A nationwide endeavor to have the Methodists of the United States boycott the Sesquicentennial International exposition because its gates are open on Sunday was under way today.

Headed by Bishop Joseph F. Berry, senior Bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, the plan calls for sending letters to 4,000 ministers of the denomination signed by himself and seven other bishops urging clergymen to advise their congregations never to go near the exposition as long as it remains open on Sunday.

MORE AMERICANS AS SUMMER COMES

London, July 10.—The American contingent on the London stage seems to increase with the coming of summer. Dixie music is now well to the fore in London. Edna Thomas and her accompanist, Constance Piper, have returned from Germany and France and are giving a second series of concerts in which negro spirituals and plantation songs make up most of the program. The Emory University Glee Club of Atlanta, Ga., is also singing southern melodies in London.

The Girls Are in Politics Now

Women have been in politics for several years but now girls are in too. Miss Lott above is city clerk of Freeport Ill. first woman to fill that position and Lois Gannaway (inset) is city treasurer of Huron, S. D. She's only 22, and the youngest city treasurer in the country.

Bear Cats Return Triumphant From Momentous Encounter In Newport News; Score 21 to 18

Triumphant by a score of 21 to 18, the Elizabeth City Bear Cats returned Friday night after a momentous encounter with the Newport News Alligators, or Red Sox, or whatever may be the name of the Tidewater Virginia aggregation of youthful diamond stars.

It was a great game. At the beginning of the sixth inning, the score stood 3 to 4 in favor of the Bear Cats. Then, most unexpectedly, Newport News staged a batting rally of considerable proportions and scored ten runs. Coming back strong in the seventh, the Bear Cats netted seven run, and then tied the count in the ninth. More scoring in the tenth resulted in another tie.

From that point, accounts of the game conflict. J. Wesley Foreman, of this city, who with Mrs. Foreman carried the Bear Cats to Newport News in their two large cars, is positive that it lasted 11 innings. The Bear Cats are equally positive that it ran into 13. Anyway, all are agreed that Elizabeth City won.

The stalwart Bear Cats range in age from perhaps 9 to 12 years, and they are all the more elated over their victory because the Newport News outfit outranked them some two years per player in age, on the average. The Bear Cats are captained by Blades Foreman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wesley Foreman.

The boys' host and hostess carried along sufficient in the way of eatables for both a noonday luncheon and for supper on the return trip. The game lasted from 2 until 5:15 o'clock in the afternoon, ending just in time for the party to catch the 5:30 ferry to Norfolk. On the way back, Mr. and Mrs. Foreman and the victorious Bear Cats stopped near the Lindsay Farm, a couple of miles from Deep Creek, to eat supper, and arrived home last night at 9 o'clock, ready to "hit the hay" with the comfortable consciousness that they had equitted themselves as becomes Bear Cats the world over.

The boys were enthusiastic today over their trip, and paid highest tribute both to the sportsmanship of their Newport News adversaries, and to the fairness of the umpire, a Newport News lad of about 15. They are anxious to arrange a return game with "Happy" Bright, manager of the Newport News team.

AUTO LICENSE FOLK ARE GIVEN PICNIC

Raleigh, July 10.—After 38 rushing, brimful days in handing out automobile license numbers to motorists, the more than 200 employes of the Automobile License Division of the Department of Revenue were complimented for their good work during the sweltering days with a picnic and watermelon feast tendered by C. W. Roberts, of Greensboro, vice president of the Carolina Motor Club, and Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Squires, of Kalamazoo, Michigan. The picnic was at Lake Myra, several miles north of Raleigh on Route 90 and the young men and women of the license bureau were taken out to the lake in private cars and buses Friday afternoon when the offices closed at 4:30.

There swimming and boating were enjoyed, following which came a tasty picnic supper, with ice cream n'everything, including more than 100 big, cold watermelons that had been on ice for several days in preparation for the occasion.

Commissioner R. A. Doughton of the Department of Revenue and Mr. Roberts both thanked the young people for the excellent work they have been doing in supplying motor car owners over the State with license tags.

ORPHANS' SINGING CLASS IN THIS CITY TOMORROW

The Singing Class of the Methodist Orphanage in Raleigh will give programs at City Road Methodist Church tomorrow morning at 11 o'clock, and at the First Methodist Church tomorrow night at 8 o'clock. The public has been cordially invited to attend. The class is now on a tour of this part of the State.

MARTIN DURKIN GETS THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Chicago, July 10. — Martin J. Durkin, sheik automobile thief and gunman, is guilty of murdering Edwin C. Shanahan, Federal agent.

Thirty-five years in prison is the penalty recommended by the jury.

The youthful outlaw, who fled to California and back with one sweetheart, later to return and marry another girl, was found to have shot the officer while the latter was attempting his arrest for an automobile theft.

The State had pleaded for a hanging verdict while the defense contended that Durkin shot in self defense.

Durkin, who is 24 years old, showed no emotion when the verdict was read. The jury had voted him guilty at two o'clock this morning after retiring at 10:50 o'clock last night. Then for six hours the jurors had debated his punishment, whether gallows or prison, and shortly before eight o'clock this morning reached an agreement. The verdict, ending a six weeks' trial before Superior Judge H. B. Miller was read at 8:45. Shanahan was slain on October 11, 1925 in a garage.

GIRL DIES FROM WATER ON LUNGS

Nags Head, July 10.—Hallie Perry, the 12-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Perry of Kitty Hawk, died at 11:30 o'clock Thursday morning of water on the lungs caused from near drowning while in bathing Saturday. She was rescued from the water by her brother, Herbert. Surviving her are her parents, one sister, Pearl, and five brothers, Herbert, Lawrence, Charles, Edgar and Melvin.

MOTORIST GIVEN SUSPENDED JAIL SENTENCE TODAY

P. H. Small, of Perquimans, Fined $50 and Ordered Not to Drive a Car in County for Two Years

ANOTHER FINED $25

Simon Storey Found Guilty of Possession of Liquor; His Brother, Tom Storey, Acquitted by Curt

Found guilty of operating an automobile while under the influence of liquor, P. H. Small, of Perquimans County, was sentenced to 30 days in jail in recorder's court today, the sentence being suspended for two years on the condition that Small refrain from driving a car in Pasquotank County during that period, and that he pay a fine of $50 and costs. He was let off upon payment of the court costs under a second count alleging possession and transportation of liquor.

Simon and Tom Storey, brothers, also living in Perquimans, and arrested with Small, were tried on charges of possession and transportation of whisky, and the former was fined $25 and costs. Tom Storey was acquitted.

The arrest of the trio occurred Monday night, after a disturbance in front of the home of W. F. Copeland, near the Elizabeth City Cotton Mill.

The State's case was based mainly on the testimony of Miss Ruth Copeland, daughter of W. F. Copeland, to the effect that Small and Simon Storey were drinking on the night in question, but that Tom Storey was not. Mr. Copeland corroborated major details of his daughter's testimony. Police Officer Roughton, who made the arrest, also testified that the defendants had been drinking, though not to a degree to justify the term, "drunk."

When the State had closed, Small declined to take the stand, declaring he had nothing particular to say. Simon Storey, however, asked to be heard. He declared that Small borrowed his car without permission while he was shooting a game of pool, and that a friend later carried him to the Copeland home, where he found, mired in a sewer excavation.

The defendant admitted he had had a drink, testifying it was given him that afternoon by a stranger, who apparently had taken aboard about as much as he could hold, commemsurate with fairly safe navigation. Asked to describe the stranger, he declared the mysterious one wore a shirt and a pair of pants.

It was brought out in the course of the hearing that Simon Storey had figured in a fracas on Machelhe Island several Sundays ago, in which he sustained a wound on the head from which he nearly bled to death. Trial Justice Sawyer hinted that the fight resulted from a crap game in which "loaded" dice figured conspicuously. Storey denied there had been a crap game, but admitted they had been "just playing" with a pair of dice.

At the close of the hearing, Trial Justice Sawyer advised Copeland to do a little "housecleaning," warning him that if he didn't the court would. The latter promised emphatically to do so.

The case of John Trotman, colred, first called on Wednesday morning, again was called Saturday. Trotman, who lives in Camden County, was charged with assault. Prosecuting Attorney LeRoy stated that the accused had been to see him, and had agreed for trial Saturday. He failed to make good his promise, however, and the court ordered that his cash bond of $15 be forfeited.

PREMIER PAINLEVE IS ABSENTMINDED

Paris, France, July 10. — Former Premier Painleve, minister of war in the ninth Briand cabinet, long has been known as the most absent minded parliamentlan in France. But his crowning achievement was consisted in forgetting to stand up when the "Marseillaise" was played and in the presence of the president of the republic.

"Who is that low communist up at the speakers' table who refuses to rise when the national anthem is played?" one indignant guest asked of another at a recent banquet.

M. Painleve, utterly oblivious to the music and the entry of President Doumergue, was sitting quietly, studying the menu. Only for the fact that Marshal Foch, who was beside him, nudged him in time, he might have received a hard roll thrown by the indignant guest.

"Generally, Mr. Minister," Foch remarked with a twinkle in his eye, "military music does not make people dream and the 'Marseillaise' I have never found to be exactly a lullaby.'"

M. Painleve blushed.

It's a Home

George Ward, former mayor of Birmingham, Ala., has one of the most unusual homes in America. Outwardly it is circular in design, it was modeled after the ancient temple of Vesta at Rome. And it has all the comforts of home.

CHICAGO TO PUT PENNSY PROBE IN DEEP SHADE

Votes Dished Out According to the Wishes of Ward Bosses, Thousands of Stolen Votes Cast

EFFICIENCY KEYNOTE

Ward Bosses Merely Figured Out Totals and Took No Trouble to Actually Count the Ballots

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Chicago, July 10.—It now appears that the Senatorial investigating committee which meets here July 26 may delve deeply into the scandalous election situation in Chicago.

Once this is done it will show the country a system that puts anything Pennsylvania has developed far back into the shade. Reports that state's Attorney Robert E. Crowe has been subpoenaed to appear before the Senators, indicates that it will be.

The re-count being made of votes cast for local judges and county officers in the April primary reveals astounding steals. No count is being made in the Senatorship fight, but the Republican factions involved in the huge frauds shown in the local election were mixed up in the Senatorial contest.

There are no evidences as yet that big sums of money passed hands in the local election. The manipulation here was simply a matter of dishing out the votes the way the ward bosses dictate. As evidence of the extent of fraud, in 53 precincts out of 2248 in the city, a total of 78,055 stolen votes were cast, according to the findings of the recounting teams. What the steal for the entire city amounts to only a good imagination can picture.

Efficiency is the keynote of the local system. Voting in several wards is shown to have been merely superfluous. There was no thought of counting the ballots. Rather, here's the way it worked:

Ward bosses got together and figured out who should be the favored candidates. They added up the total number of electors on the rolls of each precinct of the ward. On election day people who wanted to were permitted to vote. Then the boxes were sealed, the election officials of the precincts given orders and the votes distributed in the way the bosses dictated. There was no effort to make the number of votes distributed tally with the votes actually cast. Counting the ballots was considered entirely superfluous.

Officials from three precincts have confessed to these steals. Almost every precinct so far investigated has turned up barefaced fraud. But every one questioned conveniently forgets where the orders for dishing out votes came from.

Most of the favored candidates—those favored with the biggest number of stolen votes—were allied with the faction headed by State's Attorney Crowe, George F. Barrett and former Mayor William Hale Thompson. Some candidates on the slate of Senator Deneen also received stolen votes but not to be extent shown by the other faction which 23,615 votes in one day's counting.

It is significant too, that candidates most favored are those seeking judgeships. The importance of getting favorable judges on the bench is shown to have been carefully considered by those who ran the election. What the voters wanted was given scant consideration.

Rumors are that the Senatorial investigating committee will want to find out why the Crowe-Barrett-Thompson faction in the last days of the primary switched their support to Colonel Smith for the Republican Senatorial nomination.

When they start prying into the local election system the Senators doubtless will have an interesting time.

LOVE DELIVERS STRONG REPORT ON TEMPERANCE

Pastor First Methodist Calls on District Leaders for United Front Against Liquor Interests

SCORES WET DRIVE

Nrges Strict Observance of Volstead Act and Opposition to Every Effort to Modify or Annul Law

A ringing report from the committee on temperance and social service of the Elizabeth City District Conference at Hertford on Thursday of this week was among the high lights of that meeting.

Written by the Reverend F. S. Love, pastor of the First Methodist Church of this city, this report reads as follows:

"Among the victories of righteousness in America, none was more significant than when the 18th amendment became a part of our organic law. In that victory thousands of men and women in America saw a longed for realization and lovers believed the liquor traffic a thing of the past. In the first years we were little concerned that it was difficult to get in operation the law for the enforcement of this amendment. Our trust in our Nation was complete. Then came days of doubt that gave way to assurance that the traffic was not dead and that it was going to call for all the forces of righteousness to guarantee the results of the first great victory. The methods of the liquor interests have not changed and the same selfishness dominates.

"First, there was the assurance that the amendment could not be enforced. When the Volstead Act was passed its constitutionality was attacked and the defenders of the saloon settled down to the task of nullifying the law.

"Men were encouraged to violate the law and then we were assured that the 18th amendment had ushered in a reign of lawlessness. When they thought this propaganda had done its work they began the agitation for light wines and beer to save us from the wave of lawlessness. From these enemies of the amendment it is easy to learn that the country was never so wet as now and on the same day be faced with the sad fact that because men can't get their liquor they are turning to drugs. Every valley has a moonshine establishment and every home in America is making 'home brew.'

"Their work has done a measure of harm we can't afford to pass over lightly. The hip flask at the dance is an indication that we have in our nation a youth that is conniving with the bootlegger and betraying society. Officers find it suspiciously difficult to locate some of these things and we are led to believe that the officer is not always the friend of the law. Never was the challenge to the church clearer than today and no issue more clear cut.

"As a church we believe in state's rights but not the right of one state to flood another with that which is inimical to its peace and happiness and we are ready to resist with all earnestness any action that would nullify the 18th amendment or modify the Volstead Act.

"We would most heartily endorse an appropriation for the enforcement of the Volstead Act that would give us a test of the merits of complete prohibition. However much we deplore the 'hip flask' brigade, it is incomparibly better than the saloon or its subtrifuge, light wines and beer, legalized. When youth has crossed fool's hill he will at least have the protection of yearning for respectability.

"We realize that we are not fair to ask our Government to battle a public opinion that in clamour is against prohibition. We urge our pastors to speak in no uncertain tones, for the nation needs again to hear the voice of the church in this matter. When we do this it will not be so easy for our boys to flaunt their folly nor betray our girls. Certainly we cannot think of resting in the work done lest we be robbed of all the blessings of victory.

"We would suggest that wherever it is practical an offering be taken and forwarded to Bishop Cannon that this splendid leader may not be hampered in the work he is doing.

"In the days of the war when the tide of battle seemed against us we called America to prayer. In this hour we would ask our pastors everywhere to pray for faith and guidance and for the protection of Almighty God for our land, our homes and our boys and girls that we might be saved from the horrors of the days when liquor and liquor morals were not outlawed."

COTTON MARKET

New York, July 10.—Spot cotton closed quiet, middling 18.10, a decline of 95 points. Futures, closing bid: July 17.59, October 17.08, December 17.07, January 17.10, March 17.34.

SALISBURY LAYS CLAIM TO BEING MOST HEALTHFUL

Other North Carolina Cities Not Far Behind and Tar Heels May Expect Live to Ripe Old Age

YEAR WAS GOOD ONE

Reduction in Death Rate of State in Practically Every City; Health Education Has Shown Results

Raleigh, July 10.—Salisbury can lay claim to being one of the most healthful cities in the State, inasmuch as it led all the other cities in North Carolina with the lowest death rate of 1925, according to figures just compiled by the statistical division of the Board of Health, made public today. This rate was 11.1 deaths for each 1,000 of population, four points less than the average for the entire State, which is 11.5 per 1,000.

On the other hand, Asheville had the highest death rate, with 22.5 per 1,000 of population, while Raleigh was close on the heels of Asheville with a rate of 21.9. No effort was made to assign a cause in either of these cities, although it is known that the rate in Asheville is increased materially because of the large number of people from other states who go there seeking health in the mountain climate, but who oftentimes have delayed too long in going there to have it be of benefit.

The year 1925 was a good one from the viewpoint of the Board of Health. There was a reduction in the general death rate of the State from 12.2 per 1,000 to 11.5 per 1,000 and virtually all the cities in the State showed material reductions in their death rates. Increased knowledge of sanitation and hygiene and the practical application of that knowledge, is given by the Board for the better showing made during the last year in the reduction of the death rate.

Attention is called to the fact that North Carolina is one of the most healthful States in which a person can live, in that the climate is mild the year round, malaria has just about been eradicated, and owing to the educational work done by the Board of Health through the county health units, typhoid has been reduced to a minimum, as have other similar diseases.

It is also pointed out that through the work of the maternity and infancy division of the Board, operating in part under the provisions of the Shepherd-Towner bill, infant mortality—which composes a very large portion of the total mortality rate—is being steadily reduced, thus causing a corresponding reduction in the total mortality rate.

So there is every reason why people living in North Carolina should live to a ripe old age, since the natural climatic conditions in the State are most conducive to good health. In addition it has the advantage of having two definite climates the year round, in that the people in the east can easily get the benefit of the mountain climate in the west or the sea shore climate in the east.

NEW TRIAL ORDERED IN BENNETT CASE

Nashville, Tenn., July 10.—The Supreme Court today reversed and remanded for a new trial in the case of W. H. Bennett and wife, Mrs. Mae Bennett, convicted in Hamilton county in 1924 of voluntary manslaughter in connection with the alleged death of Miss Augusta Hoffman, Bennett's aunt.

Their indictment folowed the finding of the woman's skeleton in a crude grave in the basement of the house formerly occupied by the Bennett's in Chattanooga.

The court ordered a new trial on grounds that the state relied on circumstantial evidence to convict the Bennetts with the homicide and that the remains consisting of bones produced no proof as to the character of the violence. This and the state's reliance altogether upon the alleged falsehood of Bennett's explanation of Miss Hoffman's disappearance as a circumstance to establish their connection with the crime might have been sufficient if the proof had excluded any other or independent agencies, the court held. Other agencies were not excluded. It was held that the defendants were deprived of the presumption of their innocence that attends every persons accused of crime throughout the progress of the investigation in trial court.

CAR TURNS TURTLE DOWN EMBANKMENT

Nags Head, July 10.—Raydn Gamiel of Colington turned turtle in his Ford touring car and ran down an embankment early Friday morning while on his way here. The cause of the accident is attributed to a fault in the steering gear. There was very little damage to the car itself and all passengers in it escaped without injury.