

JOHN KRUPP KILLED

IN AUTO CRASH

COMPANION IS HELD FOR GRAND JURY

Charge of Manslaughter Is Filed Against Edward Wilkins Who Has Been Released on Bond.

John J. Krupp, 28, Sandusky, former well known funeral director here, was instantly killed early Sunday morning when an automobile in which he was returning to Sandusky from Bellevue with Edward A. Wilkins, McKelvey-st, this city left the Main-st or Ridge-rd about a mile and a half east of Bellevue, sideswiped three telephone poles and two trees and turned over in a ditch.

Dr. C. L. Bell, coroner of Huron-co, who investigated the accident and examined the body, said Monday that Krupp's neck had been broken.

Early Monday afternoon Wilkins was brought before Justice A. M. Beattie at Norwalk, and confronted with a charge of manslaughter preferred by Prosecutor E. G. Martin, of Huron-co., Norwalk.

Wilkins entered a plea of "not guilty," waived examination and asked to be and was bound over to the grand jury. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 and Wilkins gave satisfactory security and was released.

Prosecutor E. G. Martin of Huron-co, Norwalk, Monday, was investigating with a view to presenting the case to the grand jury.

Krupp and Wilkins were in a dance hall at Bellevue late Saturday. They had been drinking, it was reported.

Just what time the two left Bellevue is not known definitely but it appears to have been around 12:30 a. m., Sunday.

About 4 o'clock Sunday morning a young man by the name of Gardner happened along Ridge-rd. He heard groans. It was dark.

Gardner stopped and investigated. He found Wilkins near a wrecked machine, in the ditch, and picked him up and hurried him to Bellevue hospital.

At the hospital Wilkins is said to have asked about "the other fellow."

Gardner and hospital attendants returned to the scene of the wreck,

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Coroner Bell was told when he investigated, and found Krupp.

Krupp was dead.

Wilkins, who was not badly hurt, was given the attention his condition demanded, at the hospital. As soon as he was able he was taken to jail at Norwalk, in accordance with orders given by the Huron-co coroner.

Coroner Bell said Monday he was told that Wilkins was under the influence of liquor to such an extent when found and also when he was received into the hospital, that he did not know where he was and that he had only a faint idea of what has happened.

Search of the wrecked car netted paper and paper-board that had been around a bottle containing alleged whisky and further search resulted in the finding of the bottle, the coroner said.

Coroner Bell said Wilkins must have been driving "at a terrific speed."

The last of the three telephone poles hit was broken in two pieces by the impact.

The machine, after sideswiping the poles and trees, traveled a distance of approximately two rods before it finally turned over, according to Coroner Bell.

Krupp, who was 28 years, 1 month and 20 days, was in the undertaking business here for several years and prior to that had been associated with his uncle, the late Chas. J. Krupp. Two years ago he disposed of business interests here and went to California, where he remained until recently.

He had always lived in Sandusky, and is survived by his widow, Mrs. Caroline Krupp; one son, Charles John Krupp; his mother, Mrs. Susan Krupp of this city; two sisters, Sister Charlotte of the Sisters of Charity at Akron, and Miss Mary Krupp of this city.

The body was removed to the Frey funeral home where friends may call after 7 o'clock Monday evening and where the funeral will be held Wednesday morning at 8:30 o'clock with services at Sts. Peter and Paul's church at 9 o'clock, the Rev. Wm. F. Murphy officiating. Burial will be made in St. Mary's cemetery.

INVESTIGATIONS ARE BEGUN IN KRUPP'S DEATH

Well Known Sandusky Is Killed in Auto Accident; Companion Held.

Investigations were being advanced Monday to determine if there were sufficient grounds for the charge of manslaughter on which Edward A. Wilkins, McKelvey-st, was bound over to the Huron-co grand jury as the result of an automobile accident on Ridge-rd a mile and a half east of Bellevue, Sunday morning and in which John J. Krupp, 28, former well known funeral director of this city, met death.

Local attorneys were interested in the case Monday after Wilkins was released on \$1,000 bond on the manslaughter charge. Prosecutor E. G. Martin, of Norwalk, preferred the charge against Wilkins after securing the details of the crash.

Wilkins Found First

Wilkins and Krupp were returning from a dance at Bellevue when the machine careened from the highway and crashed into a ditch. A passing motorist discovered the plight of Wilkins early Sunday and rushed him to Bellevue Hospital. Learning later that another person was in the machine, hospital attendants went to the scene and found Krupp. He was dead.

Coroner Dr. C. L. Bell, of Huron-co gave a verdict of death caused from a broken neck. Coroner Bell said Monday that it had been reported that Wilkins was under the

influence of liquor to such an extent when admitted at the hospital that he had only a vague idea of what had happened. It was learned that three telephone poles near the scene of the fatal crash had been snapped by the impact of the machine.

Funeral services for John J. Krupp were held at St. Peter and Paul's Church Wednesday morning, with Rev. Fr. McKinney of Cleveland, officiating. The sermon was given by the Rev. Fr. W. H. Brady. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery. Pallbearers were Willard Meyer, ...

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Caroline Krupp, one son, Charles John Krupp, his mother, Mrs. Susan Krupp; two sisters, Sister Charlotte of the Sisters of Charity of Akron and Miss Mary Krupp, of this city. Funeral services will be held from the Frey Funeral Home at 9 a. m. Wednesday with services at Sts. Peter and Paul's Church at 9:30 a. m.

The body of Krupp was removed to the Frey Funeral Home and prepared for burial. He was aged 28 years, one month and 20 days. A licensed embalmer, he was for several years in the undertaking business here and previous to that he had been associated with his uncle, the late Charles J. Krupp. Recently Returned Here

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