Los Angeles Co., Calif. Coroner.
Report [annual] 1928/29

# REPORT OF
# FRANK A. NANCE, CORONER
## COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
## JULY 1, 1928 - JUNE 30, 1929

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Gentlemen:

I submit herewith a ststistical and financial report covering the experience of the Coroner's Office during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1929.

The facts herein set forth present am accurate outline of the work of this department and they are so arranged as to afford a reliable basis for comparing the service performed during this fiscal period with that of other years.

Respectfully submitted

Frank A. Daniel

CORONER, County of Los Angeles

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REPORT OF FRANK A. NANCE

LOS ANGELES COUNTY CORONER

FOR FISCAL YEAR 1928 - 1929.

| | |
|---|---|
| July | 369 |
| August | 350 |
| September | 366 |
| October | 337 |
| November | 384 |
| December | 441 |
| January | 360 |
| February | 377 |
| March | 368 |
| April | 334 |
| May | 369 |
| June | 349 |
| TOTAL | 4174 |

TOTAL NUMBER OF CASES HANDLED BY CORONER 4174

## CLASSIFICATION

| | |
|---|---|
| Motor Vehicle | 695 |
| Electric Railway | 37 |
| Steam Railway | 13 |
| Industrial | 171 |
| Aeroplane | 25 |
| Asphyxiation | 45 |
| Abortions | 28 |
| Alcoholism | 54 |
| Burns | 110 |
| Drownings | 53 |
| Electrocution | 2 |
| Falls | 76 |
| Firearms | 18 |
| Homicides | 110 |
| Infections | 9 |
| Miscellaneous | 31 |
| Natural Causes | 2237 |
| Poisoning | 47 |
| Strangulation | 2 |
| Suffocation | 7 |
| Suicides | 391 |
| Unknown | 13 |
| TOTAL | 4174 |

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|---|---|
| Male | 2855 |
| Female | 1319 |
| TOTAL | 4174 |

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|---|---|
| Number of cases handled in City | 2697 |
| Number of cases handled in County | 1477 |
| TOTAL | 4174 |
| | |
| Number of Investigations made | 1327 |
| Number of Autopsies performed | 2847 |
| TOTAL | 4174 |
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| Autopsies performed in City | 1785 |
| Autopsies performed in County | 1062 |
| TOTAL | 2847 |
| | |
| Number of Toxicological Tests made | 4177 |
| Number of Microscopic Examinations | 640 |
| Number of Bacteriological Examinations | 78 |
| Number of Blood Tests for Carbon Monoxide | 38 |
| Number of gross specimens prepared for evidence etc | 67 |
| | |
| Total number of cases handled in Pathological Laboratory during Fiscal year 1928 - 29 | 442 |
| | |
| Number of Inquests held in City | 551 |
| Number of Inquests held in County | 402 |
| TOTAL | 953 |
| | |
| Number of cases referred to District Attorney | 369 |

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| Miles traveled to conduct Investigations and Inquests | |
| TOTAL | 13750 |
| Miles traveled by Surgeons to perform Autopsies and to appear as witnesses | 22523 |
| Miles traveled by Coroner's Ambulance for transportation of bodies | 9450 |
| Number of bodies transported by Coroner's staff | 2083 |
| Number of bodies transported by Undertakers to Coroner's Mortuary | 212 |
| Number of bodies transported by Private Ambulances | 402 |
| Number of bodies transported by Undertakers outside City | 1477 |
| TOTAL | 4174 |
| Number of Jurors summoned | 7411 |
| Number of Jurors served | 5246 |
| Number of witnesses subpoened and testified | 5705 |
| Number of transcripts prepared (Jury Cases) | 953 |
| Number of Verdict of Coroner and Autopsy Findings prepared (No Jury Cases) | 1894 |
| Number of transcript copies filed with County Clerk | 953 |
| Number of No Jury Cases filed with County Clerk | 1894 |
| Number of transcripts prepared and sold | 423 |
| Number of transcripts delivered to District Attorney | 369 |
| Number of pages of testimony typewritten | 16192 |
| Amount received from sale of Transcripts | $3792.50 |

Civil Matters (Service of Process) handled by Coroner where Sheriff was disqualified by law to act.

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|---|---|
| Undertaking on Claim and Delivery 4 automobiles and 1 Aeroplane | 5 |
| Garnishments | 1 |
| Attachments | 1 |
| TOTAL | 7 |

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|---|---|
| Number of Indigent persons buried by Coroner | 148 |
| Number of Indigent persons buried by Charitable Institutions | 46 |

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| Number of Estates of Deceased persons (Estates amounting to less than $75.00) administered by Coroner under Section 4144, Political Code | 6 |

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|---|---|
| Number of Estates delivered to Public Administrator | 85 |

## AUTOPSIES

| | CITY | COUNTY | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | 140 | 75 | 215 |
| August | 138 | 71 | 209 |
| September | 134 | 75 | 209 |
| October | 132 | 80 | 212 |
| November | 161 | 104 | 265 |
| December | 168 | 141 | 309 |
| January | 155 | 86 | 241 |
| February | 190 | 83 | 273 |
| March | 155 | 90 | 245 |
| April | 128 | 95 | 223 |
| May | 120 | 84 | 204 |
| June | 164 | 78 | 242 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 1785 | 1062 | 2847 |

| Autopsies performed by | CITY | COUNTY | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| Dr. A. F. Wagner | 1551 | 16 | 1567 |
| Dr. Frank R. Webb | 146 | 1017 | 1163 |
| Dr. Lawrence Parsons | 88 | 29 | 117 |
| TOTAL | 1785 | 1062 | 2847 |

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|---|---|
| Autopsies performed in City of Los Angeles | 1785 |
| Autopsies performed in County outside of City of Los Angeles | 1062 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 2847 |

## INQUESTS

| | CITY | COUNTY | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|
| July | 35 | 27 | 62 |
| August | 46 | 31 | 77 |
| September | 31 | 39 | 70 |
| October | 45 | 22 | 67 |
| November | 41 | 45 | 86 |
| December | 45 | 38 | 83 |
| January | 56 | 31 | 87 |
| February | 60 | 44 | 104 |
| March | 56 | 36 | 92 |
| April | 33 | 32 | 65 |
| May | 48 | 32 | 80 |
| June | 55 | 25 | 80 |
| TOTAL | 551 | 402 | 953 |

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|---|---|
| Inquests held in City of Los Angeles | 551 |
| Inquests held in county outside of Los Angeles City | 402 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 953 |

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

| | MOTOR VEHICLE | ELECTRIC RAILWAY | STEAM RAILWAY | TOTAL |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| July | 43 | 1 | 2 | 46 |
| August | 47 | 2 | 2 | 51 |
| September | 53 | 2 | 0 | 55 |
| October | 46 | 4 | 2 | 52 |
| November | 59 | 3 | 0 | 62 |
| December | 69 | 2 | 0 | 71 |
| January | 70 | 3 | 3 | 76 |
| February | 77 | 3 | 1 | 81 |
| March | 64 | 4 | 1 | 69 |
| April | 48 | 3 | 1 | 52 |
| May | 52 | 6 | 1 | 59 |
| June | 67 | 4 | 0 | 71 |
| TOTAL | 695 | 37 | 13 | 745 |

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|---|---|
| Motor Vehicle | 695 |
| Electric Railway | 37 |
| Steam Railway | 13 |
| TOTAL | 745 |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLE

NATURE

| | |
|---|---|
| Auto and Pedestrian | 226 |
| Bus and Pedestrian | 3 |
| Truck and Pedestrian | 32 |
| Truck trailer and Pedestrian | 3 |
| Taxi and Pedestrian | 2 |
| Motorcycle and Pedestrian | 2 |
| Auto and Scooter | 2 |
| Bus and Scooter | 1 |
| Bus and Bicycle | 1 |
| Taxi and Bicycle | 1 |
| Truck and Tricycle | 1 |
| Truck and Bicycle | 4 |
| Auto and Bicycle | 5 |
| TOTAL | 283 |

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|---|---|
| Auto and Auto | 146 |
| Auto and Truck | 36 |
| Auto and Taxi | 1 |
| Auto and Motorcycle | 17 |
| Auto and Truck trailer | 7 |
| Truck and Truck | 4 |
| Truck and Truck trailer | 1 |
| Truck and Motorcycle | 1 |
| Truck and Buggy | 1 |
| TOTAL | 214 |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLES

NATURE - CONTINUED

| | |
|---|---|
| Auto and Pole | 12 |
| Auto and Tree | 9 |
| Auto and Fire Plug | 1 |
| Auto and House | 1 |
| Auto and Guy wire | 1 |
| Auto and Viaduct wall | 1 |
| Auto and Bridge railing | 3 |
| Auto and Bridge | 1 |
| Truck and Pole | 1 |
| Truck and Tree | 4 |
| Truck and Bridge | 1 |
| Motorcycle and Tree | 1 |
| Motorcycle and Guard rail | 1 |
| TOTAL | 37 |
| Auto and Electric Railway | 24 |
| Truck and Electric Railway | 2 |
| TOTAL | 26 |
| Auto and Steam Railway | 24 |
| Truck and Steam Railway | 4 |
| Motorcycle and Steam Railway | 1 |
| TOTAL | 29 |
| Auto Overturned | 74 |
| Truck Overturned | 3 |
| Motorcycle overturned | 2 |
| TOTAL | 79 |
| Falls from Auto | 24 |
| Falls from Truck | 2 |
| Falls in front of Auto | 1 |
| TOTAL | 27 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 695 |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES MOTOR VEHICLES

| | |
|---|---|
| Male | 496 |
| Female | 199 |
| TOTAL | 695 |
| | |
| In City | 368 |
| In County of Los Angeles outside Los Angeles City | 306 |
| Outside of Los Angeles County, death occurring in Los Angeles County | 21 |
| TOTAL | 695 |
| Electric Railway and Pedestrian | 33 |
| Electric Railway and Passenger | 2 |
| Electric Railway and Conductor | 1 |
| Electric Railway and Bicycle | 1 |
| TOTAL | 37 |
| Male | 28 |
| Female | 9 |
| TOTAL | 37 |
| In City of Los Angeles | 27 |
| In County of Los Angeles, outside of Los Angeles City | 9 |
| Outside of Los Angeles County death occurring in Los Angeles County | 1 |
| TOTAL | 37 |
| | |
| Steam Railway and Pedestrian | 12 |
| Steam Railway and Passenger | 1 |
| TOTAL | 13 |
| | |
| Male | 10 |
| Female | 3 |
| TOTAL | 13 |

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES - MOTOR VEHICLES

| | |
|---|---|
| In City of Los Angeles | 7 |
| In County of Los Angeles | 5 |
| Outside of Los Angeles County death occurring in Los Angeles County | 1 |
| TOTAL | 13 |

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|---|---|
| Motor Vehicles | 695 |
| Electric Railway | 37 |
| Steam Railway | 13 |
| TOTAL | 745 |

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|---|---|
| Total Traffic Fatalities in City of Los Angeles | 402 |
| Total Traffic Fatalities in County of Los Angeles | 320 |
| Total Traffic Fatalities outside County of Los Angeles death occurring in Los Angeles County | 23 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 745 |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLE - (CAUSES)

| | |
|---|---|
| Crossing street not at intersection | 33 |
| Crossing street carelessly | 75 |
| Playing in street | 10 |
| Walking in street | 26 |
| Running in street | 25 |
| Pedestrian confused by traffic | 16 |
| Driver confused by traffic | 4 |
| Improper riding of vehicle | 13 |
| Falls from vehicle | 9 |
| Falls in front of vehicle | 1 |
| Physical defects | 3 |
| Intoxication | 11 |
| Incompetent handling | 89 |
| Exceeding speed limit | 100 |
| Reckless driving | 2 |
| Failure to signal | 3 |
| Driving on wrong side of road | 21 |
| Cutting in ahead | 1 |
| Cutting corner | 4 |
| Passing on wrong side | 7 |
| Passing standing street car | 1 |
| Glaring head lights | 6 |
| Right of way violated | 91 |
| Defective equipment - | |
| Brakes | 5 |
| Steering gear | 4 |
| Wheel | 3 |
| Tire blow out | 3 |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

MOTOR VEHICLE - (CAUSES)

| | |
|---|---|
| Backing | 8 |
| Skidding | 11 |
| Car left roadway | 15 |
| Drove through safety zone | 7 |
| Motorist's negligence at Railroad crossing | 42 |
| Driver asleep | 10 |
| Defect in road way | 7 |
| Weather conditions - | |
| Fog | 4 |
| Rain | 7 |
| At work on road way | 5 |
| Unknown - found lying in street | 4 |
| Zigwag signal obstructed | 2 |
| Stricken with fainting spell while driving car | 1 |
| Auto afire | 1 |
| View obstructed by umbrella | 1 |
| Stepped from loading zone into side of truck | 1 |
| Knocked in front of auto by running pedestrian | 2 |
| Riding coaster on wrong side of street | 1 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 695 |

TRAFFIC FATALITIES

CAUSES - CONTINUED

ELECTRIC RAILWAY

| | |
|---|---|
| Trespassing on right of way | 4 |
| Walking on right of way | 3 |
| Crossing right of way carelessly | 21 |
| View obstructed by umbrella | 1 |
| Conductor leaned out of window, struck head against pole | 1 |
| Boy fell down embankment under moving street car | 1 |
| Attempting to board moving street car | 4 |
| Pedestrian struck by passenger standing on step of street car | 1 |
| Fell from street car due to fainting | 1 |
| TOTAL | 37 |

STEAM RAILWAY

| | |
|---|---|
| Trespassing on right of way | 3 |
| Walking on right of way | 2 |
| Attempting to board moving train | 1 |
| Rails removed by unknown person (Train wreck) | 1 |
| Physical defects (Deaf) | 1 |
| Attempting to alight from moving train | 1 |
| Crossing right of way carelessly | 3 |
| Fell under freight train (this case was handled by Navy Dept) | 1 |
| TOTAL | 13 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 745 |

## TRAFFIC FATALITIES

## LOCATION

| | |
|---|---|
| At Intersection | 433 |
| Other than intersection | 295 |
| On Curve | 17 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 745 |
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| A. M. (Midnight to Noon) | 244 |
| P. M. (Noon to Midnight) | 501 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 745 |
| | |
| Male | 534 |
| Female | 211 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 745 |
| | |
| Under 1 year | 0 |
| 1 to 2 years | 6 |
| 2 to 5 years | 29 |
| 5 to 10 years | 42 |
| 10 to 20 years | 78 |
| 20 to 45 years | 286 |
| 45 to 65 years | 173 |
| 65 and over | 131 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 745 |

LOCATION OF TRAFFIC FATALITIES OCCURRING OUTSIDE OF LOS ANGELES, CO, DEATH OCCURRING IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY

| | |
|---|---|
| State Highway | Seal Beach |
| Valley Blvd near Central Ave | San Bernardino Co |
| Dale Ave & Ball Road | Orange Co |
| Santa Ana Canyon | Orange Co |
| 17th St near Alamitos | Orange Co |
| Santa Ana Blvd near Westminster | Orange Co |
| Near Banning | Riverside Co |
| Highway near Ventura | Ventura Co |
| Santa Fe Fy near Victorville | San Bernardino Co |
| First Street | Orange Co |
| Mt. Baldy Road near Upland | San Bernardino Co |
| Mt Baldy Road near Upland | San Bernardino Co |
| Highway near Williams | Arizona |
| State Highway near San Diego | San Diego Co |
| Highway Near Westminster | Orange Co |
| Highway near Mono Lake | Mono Co |
| Coast Highway at Seal Beach | Orange Co |
| Highway near King City | King Co |
| Valley Blvd near Central Ave | San Bernardino Co |
| Imperial & 25th Street, San Diego | San Deigo Co |
| Highway near Phoenix | Arizona |
| At Mojave | California |
| Santa Ana Blvd | Orange Co |

## INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

| | |
|---|---|
| July | 12 |
| August | 18 |
| September | 20 |
| October | 12 |
| November | 15 |
| December | 17 |
| January | 11 |
| February | 15 |
| March | 14 |
| April | 15 |
| May | 14 |
| June | 8 |
| TOTAL | 171 |

## NATURE

| | |
|---|---|
| Electric Shock | 15 |
| Burns | 15 |
| Falls | 56 |
| Crushing | 24 |
| Machinery | 26 |
| Asphyxiation | 2 |
| Explosion | 2 |
| Drowning | 1 |
| Poisoning | 1 |
| Suffocation | 6 |
| Infection | 10 |
| Animal Injuries | 3 |
| Miscellaneous | 10 |
| TOTAL | 171 |

## INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

### LOCATION

| | |
|---|---|
| In City of Los Angeles | 93 |
| In County of Los Angeles | 72 |
| Outside of County of Los Angeles, death occurring in County of Los Angeles | 6 |
| TOTAL | 171 |

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|---|---|
| Male | 170 |
| Female | 1 |
| Total | 171 |

### AGES

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 to 20 years | 4 |
| 20 to 45 years | 115 |
| 45 to 65 years | 47 |
| 65 and over | 5 |
| TOTAL | 171 |

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS

CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| ELECTROCUTION -- | |
| While cleaning equipment | 6 |
| Came in contact with live wire | 3 |
| Steel cable came in contact with live wire | 4 |
| Took hold of trolley axel on overhead crane | 1 |
| Guy wire on gin pole came in contact with live wire | 1 |
| TOTAL | 15 |
| BURNS -- | |
| Fell into vat of hot liquor | 1 |
| Escaping steam from bursted pipe | 1 |
| Caused by faulty connections | 1 |
| Oil switch ignited from spark of bus bar | 2 |
| Negligent handling of boiler by workmen | 1 |
| Fell into vat of boiling water | 1 |
| Matches in pocket ignited | 1 |
| Gasoline explosion caused by escaping fumes | 4 |
| Explosion of gasoline ignited from blow torch | 1 |
| Explosion of powder magazine, due to careless handling | 1 |
| Explosion of gas in man hole | 1 |
| TOTAL | 15 |
| FALLS-- | |
| From scaffold due to faulty construction | 15 |
| From building under construction | 8 |
| From wagon while pitching hay | 1 |
| From pier under construction | 1 |
| From moving picture set | 1 |
| From platform due to stumbling | 1 |
| From oil derrick, cause unknown | 1 |
| From pile of hay | 1 |
| Down elevator shaft, due to carelessness | 4 |
| Fell into tank due to slipping | 1 |
| Fell from freight car while switching | 4 |

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS
CAUSES

FALLS * CONTINUED

| | |
|---|---|
| Failure to use ladder as instructed | 1 |
| Over rope attached to pulley | 1 |
| Through sky light while washing | 1 |
| Off Steam Roller | 1 |
| From truck while loading baggage | 1 |
| From plank on bridge | 1 |
| From ladder, lost balance | 3 |
| From pole due to faulty spurs | 1 |
| From truck due to flapping canvas | 1 |
| From window while washing, no safety belt | 1 |
| From porch due to broken bannister | 1 |
| From window of house while washing windows | 1 |
| With falling parachute due to failure to open | 2 |
| With disabled aeroplane | 1 |
| Fell over wheel barrow | 1 |
| TOTAL | 56 |

CRUSHING --

| | |
|---|---|
| Struck by barrel being hoisted | 1 |
| Struck by swinging boom | 1 |
| Struck by tubing finger on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by falling wall of wrecked building | 1 |
| Cave in of trench due to improper shoreing | 3 |
| Struck by moving crane | 1 |
| Struck by falling pole | 1 |
| Struck by falling wall of garage | 1 |
| Struck by falling tank | 1 |
| Struck by falling lattice work | 1 |
| Struck by falling lumber | 1 |
| Struck by steam shovel | 1 |
| Struck by drill pipe on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by steel cable | 2 |
| Struck by falling steel pipe | 1 |

CRUSHING- CONTINUED

| | |
|---|---|
| Struck by log which fell from truck | 1 |
| Struck by falling wall blown down by wind | 1 |
| Struck by falling gin pole due to broken guy wire | 1 |
| Struck by falling block on oil derrick | 1 |
| Fell under moving tractor | 1 |
| Crushed in elevator | 1 |
| TOTAL | 24 |

MACHINERY--

| | |
|---|---|
| Struck by elevator links on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by fly wheel | 1 |
| Struck by falling swivel | 1 |
| Struck by flying cat head on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by broken cat line on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by broken lever on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by broken fly wheel handle | 1 |
| Struck by traveling crane | 2 |
| Struck by falling elevator on oil derrick | 2 |
| Struck by falling clamp on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by falling chain tong | 1 |
| Struck by polish rod grip | 1 |
| Struck by falling boiler | 1 |
| Struck by flange on broken lathe | 1 |
| Struck by falling brick from elevator | 1 |
| Struck by trench digger | 1 |
| Struck by piece of broken emery wheel | 1 |
| Caught in winch | 1 |
| Caught in cog wheel | 1 |
| Caught in belt | 2 |
| Caught in saw | 1 |
| Struck by falling load on oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by falling crane cable | 1 |
| TOTAL | 26 |

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS
CAUSES - continued

| | |
|---|---|
| ASPHYXIATION -- | |
| By sewer gas while cleaning man hole | 2 |
| TOTAL | 2 |
| EXPLOSIONS -- | |
| Of steel drum containing cleaning fluid | 1 |
| Of water tank on oil well | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 |
| DROWNING -- | |
| Fell from pier due to being improperly gaurded | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 |
| POISONING -- | |
| Cyanide fumes while plating tank | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 |
| SUFFOCATION -- | |
| Cave in of trench due to improper shoreing | 2 |
| Cave in of trench due to landslide | 2 |
| Cave in of trench due to vibration caused by passing trucks | 1 |
| Covered with gypsum after fall into bin | 1 |
| TOTAL | 6 |
| INFECTION -- | |
| Punctured finger; septicemia developed | 1 |
| Punctured foot on nail; tetanus developed | 2 |
| Bruised finger; septicemia developed | 2 |
| Bruised hand on screw driver septicemia developed | 1 |
| Bruised hand on wire septicemia developed | 1 |
| Bruised leg septicemia developed | 1 |
| Sliver in hand; septic[illegible] meningitis developed | 1 |
| Bruised leg on tractor; infection developed | 1 |
| TOTAL | 10 |
| ANIMAL INJURIES -- | |
| Attacked by lions | 1 |
| Kicked by mule | 1 |
| Kicked by horse | 1 |
| TOTAL | 3 |

INDUSTRIAL ACCIDENTS
CAUSES - continued

MISCELLANEOUS --

| | |
|---|---|
| Fractured hip while loading crates | 1 |
| Injured back lifting cake of ice | 1 |
| Struck by timber which was blown from oil derrick | 1 |
| Struck by timber which was blown from roof of house | 1 |
| Struck head on rafter | 1 |
| Struck in abdomen with crow bar | 1 |
| Struck by falling rock while fighting fire | 3 |
| Struck by falling prop tree on picture set | 1 |
| TOTAL | 10 |

| | |
|---|---|
| GRAND TOTAL | 171 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

| | |
|---|---|
| July | 34 |
| August | 26 |
| September | 26 |
| October | 41 |
| November | 50 |
| December | 43 |
| January | 44 |
| February | 42 |
| March | 29 |
| April | 28 |
| May | 24 |
| June | 37 |
| TOTAL | 425 |

### NATURE

| | |
|---|---|
| Aeroplane | 25 |
| Animal Injuries | 2 |
| Asphyxiation | 45 |
| Burns | 58 |
| Drowning | 53 |
| Electric Shock | 2 |
| Explosions | 38 |
| Falls | 76 |
| Firearms | 18 |
| Infections | [illegible] |
| Poisoning | 47 |
| Scalds | 14 |
| Strangulation | 2 |
| Suffocation | 7 |
| Miscellaneous | 24 |
| Unknown - Blow or Fall | 5 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

### CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| **Aeroplane -** | |
| Faulty plane | 4 |
| Struck by revolving propeller | 1 |
| Wing collapsed while stunting | 3 |
| Crashed into hill after catching fire | 1 |
| Inexperienced operator | 2 |
| Mechanical defects | 1 |
| Tail spin | 2 |
| Nose dive due to incompetent handling | 3 |
| Unknown causes | 8 |
| TOTAL | 25 |
| **ANIMAL INJURIES —** | |
| Bitten by dog | 1 |
| Kicked by horse | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 |
| **ASPHYXIATION —** | |
| Motor running in closed garage | 3 |
| Gas jets open in closed room | 5 |
| Gas heater burning in unventilated room | 37 |
| TOTAL | 45 |
| **BURNS —** | |
| Clothing ignited from gas stove | 26 |
| Clothing ignited from gas jet | 1 |
| Clothing ignited from incinerator | 2 |
| Clothing ignited from candle | 2 |
| Clothing ignited from wood stove | 1 |
| Clothing ignited from falling stove | 1 |
| Bed ignited from cigarette | 4 |
| Child playing with matches | 11 |
| Trapped in burning building | 8 |
| Placed lighted pipe in pocket | 1 |
| Burning paper in wood stove | 1 |
| TOTAL | 58 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

### CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| **DROWNING—** | |
| Fell over board from boat | 1 |
| Fell from dock while intoxicated | 2 |
| Fell into reservoir | 3 |
| Fell into lake while playing | 1 |
| Fell into fish pond (Baby) | 3 |
| Fell into cess pool | 2 |
| Fell into bath tub (Baby) | 2 |
| Attempting to save drowning person | 2 |
| Canoe capsized | 2 |
| Skiff capsized while fishing | 1 |
| While swimming in ocean | 15 |
| While swimming in plunge | 2 |
| Due to fainting in bath tub | 4 |
| Defective diving suit | 1 |
| Unknown causes | 10 |
| Fell off raft | 2 |
| TOTAL | 53 |
| **ELECTRIC SHOCK —** | |
| Came in contact with electrically charged floor lamp | 1 |
| Boy caught hold of live wire | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 |
| **EXPLOSIONS —** | |
| Gas leakage; caused by street grader | 1 |
| Gasoline stove | 2 |
| Gas Stove | 1 |
| Gas Heater | 3 |
| Gas | 1 |
| Leaky gas hose | 2 |
| Leaky gas connection | 3 |
| Heating linseed oil on stove | 1 |
| Cleaning clothes with gasoline | 6 |
| Gasoline | 2 |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES

CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| EXPLOSIONS - continued | |
| Steel drum containing paint solution | 1 |
| Struck match in gas filled room | 14 |
| Still | 1 |
| TOTAL | 38 |
| FALLS — | |
| From window while directing workmen | 1 |
| From window cause unknown | 7 |
| From dock to barge | 1 |
| From dock due to physical defects | 1 |
| From roller coaster due to carelessness | 1 |
| From tree while at play | 1 |
| From draw bridge while playing | 1 |
| From fence while playing | 1 |
| From movie set while playing | 1 |
| From ladder; broken rung | 1 |
| From dock; lost balance | 1 |
| From building; cause unknown | 1 |
| From platform; slipped | 1 |
| From balcony; intoxication | 1 |
| From bench to ground | 1 |
| From roof of garage | 1 |
| From bed to floor | 3 |
| From porch; due to heart attack | 1 |
| From fire escape; intoxication | 1 |
| From porch, due to physical defects | 1 |
| From horse due to inexperience in riding | 2 |
| From diving platform due to carelessness | 1 |
| Down airshaft while drying hair on roof | 1 |
| Down stairs due to darkness | 1 |
| Down elevator shaft; cause unknown | 1 |
| Down stairs due to intoxication | 1 |
| Down elevator shaft while playing | 2 |
| Down embankment, cause unknown | 1 |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| FALLS -continued | |
| Down embankment;evading arrest | 1 |
| To street due to intoxication | 3 |
| To street due to slipping | 8 |
| To floor when stricken with epilepsy | 3 |
| To ground while at play | 1 |
| To pavement while intoxicated | 2 |
| To pavement due to stumbling | 2 |
| To street while running | 1 |
| To floor from chair | 2 |
| To floor | 1 |
| To floor during basket ball game | 1 |
| To floor due to physical defects | 3 |
| To bridge due to stumbling | 1 |
| To floor due to misstep | 1 |
| To floor from mother's arms | 1 |
| Into grease pit due to darkness | 1 |
| Into excavation due to intoxication | 1 |
| Tripped over leash tied to dog;fell to street | 1 |
| TOTAL | 76 |
| FIREARMS- | |
| Careless handling | 12 |
| Baby playing with revolver | 4 |
| While cleaning rifle | 1 |
| Struck by stray bullet | 1 |
| TOTAL | 18 |
| INFECTION- | |
| Bruised hand on nail;tetanus developed | 1 |
| Stepped on nail;tetanus developed | 2 |
| Sliver in foot;tetanus developed | 1 |
| Bruised finger on can;septicemia developed | 1 |
| Crushed toe;septicemia developed | 1 |
| Hurt playing foot ball;septicemia developed | 1 |

MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| INFECTION - continued | |
| Bruised face; septicemia developed | 1 |
| Burned feet on hot sand, tetanus developed | 1 |
| TOTAL | 9 |
| POISONING — | |
| Chloroform; addict, overdose | 2 |
| Veronal; overdose | 7 |
| Opium; addict, overdose | 1 |
| Asperin; addict, overdose | 1 |
| Canned heat; addict, overdose | 1 |
| Denatured alcohol; overindulgence | 2 |
| Bootleg liquor; overindulgence | 13 |
| Baby ate ant paste | 3 |
| Baby drank bootleg liquor | 1 |
| Baby drank ant paste solution | 2 |
| Baby drank lye solution | 2 |
| Baby drank cyanide solution | 1 |
| Strychnine; unknown cause | 3 |
| Mistook ant paste for honey | 1 |
| Drank nitro-benzol; intoxicated | 1 |
| Veronal; unknown cause | 1 |
| Child ate strychnine pills | 1 |
| Botulism; from canned food | 3 |
| Baby drank hydrochloric acid | 1 |
| TOTAL | 47 |
| SCALDS — | |
| Baby overturned pan of hot water | 4 |
| Baby overturned pot of hot coffee | 1 |
| Baby fell into tub of hot water | 8 |
| Baby being bathed in hot water | 1 |
| TOTAL | 14 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
## CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| STRANGULATION — | |
| Prune stone lodged in larynx | 1 |
| Strangled by belt fastened in vise while exercising | 1 |
| TOTAL | 2 |
| SUFFOCATION — | |
| Face covered with bed clothing | 4 |
| Fell into bathtub filled with water | 1 |
| Food lodged inthroat due to heart attack | 1 |
| Unknown cause | 1 |
| TOTAL | 7 |
| MISCELLANEOUS — | |
| Struck by stone thrown by sister | 1 |
| Experimenting with home made cannon cracker | 1 |
| Cranking auto; back fire | 1 |
| Inhalation of flames, while removing auto from burning garage | 1 |
| Diving in shallow water | 4 |
| Shock following extraction of teeth | 1 |
| Struck by piece of broken barrel | 1 |
| Struck by skip on concrete mixer (by stander) | 1 |
| Struck by piece of emery wheel | 1 |
| Struck by grubbed tree | 1 |
| Struck by falling plaster | 1 |
| Struck head on door (Insane) | 1 |
| Crushed in foot ball game | 1 |
| Exposure; due to capsizing of launch | 2 |
| Baby struck by falling pipe | 1 |
| Baby struck by falling flower pot | 1 |
| Struck on head by pitched ball | 1 |
| Injured in boxing match | 1 |
| Piece of meat lodged in throat | 1 |
| Baby swallowed piece of wire | 1 |
| TOTAL | 24 |

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCIDENTAL FATALITIES
## CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| UNKNOWN — | |
| Blow or fall | 4 |
| TOTAL | 4 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Male | 293 |
| Female | 132 |
| TOTAL | 425 |

| | |
|---|---|
| In city of Los Angeles | 260 |
| In County of Los Angeles | 165 |
| TOTAL | 425 |

## AGES

| | |
|---|---|
| Less than 1 year | 11 |
| 1 to 2 years | 23 |
| 2 to 5 years | 29 |
| 5 to 10 years | 23 |
| 10 to 20 years | 54 |
| 20 to 45 years | 147 |
| 45 to 65 years | 74 |
| 65 and over | 64 |
| TOTAL | 425 |

## SUICIDES

| | |
|---|---|
| July | 27 |
| August | 35 |
| September | 31 |
| October | 33 |
| November | 36 |
| December | 33 |
| January | 34 |
| February | 39 |
| March | 30 |
| April | 30 |
| May | 23 |
| June | 40 |
| TOTAL | 391 |

## NATURE

| | |
|---|---|
| Asphyxiation by illuminating gas | 29 |
| Shooting | 163 |
| Strangulation | 44 |
| Cutting | 17 |
| Jumping from building | 14 |
| Jumping from window | 1 |
| Jumping from bridge | 5 |
| Jumping in front of street car | 3 |
| Jumping in front of train | 4 |
| Jumping in front of truck | 1 |
| Burning | 1 |
| Drowning | 5 |
| Electrocution | 1 |
| Gas explosion | 1 |
| POISONING -- | |
| Cyanide | 14 |
| Bichloride of mercury | 11 |
| Iodine | 1 |
| Veronal | 10 |
| Arsenic | 4 |

## SUICIDES

### NATURE

| | |
|---|---|
| Ant Paste | 9 |
| Strychnine | 12 |
| Lysol | 19 |
| Chloroform | 3 |
| Carbolic Acid | 4 |
| Oxolic Acid | 1 |
| Morphine | 1 |
| Nicotine (Black leaf 40) | 2 |
| Carbon Monoxide | 3 |
| Hyosan | 1 |
| Chloral - hydrate | 1 |
| Cyanide of potassium | 1 |
| Rat poison | 1 |
| Wood Alcohol | 1 |
| Opium | 1 |
| Sodium - luminol | 1 |
| Nitric Acid | 1 |
| TOTAL | 391 |

### CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Ill health | 115 |
| Domestic difficulties | 45 |
| Financial difficulties | 32 |
| Financial reverses | 4 |
| Financial Losses | 2 |
| After murder of employer | 1 |
| After murder of wife | 10 |
| After murder of daughters (Insane) | 1 |
| After murder of sweethoart | 1 |
| After murder of father-in-law | 1 |
| After committing murder | 2 |
| Mentally deranged | 35 |

## SUICIDES

### CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Temporarily deranged | 9 |
| Inability to effect reconciliation with wife | 4 |
| Inability to effect reconciliation with husband | 3 |
| Inability to secure employment | 7 |
| Fear of arrest | 7 |
| Tired of life | 15 |
| Melancholia | 3 |
| Loss of position | 1 |
| Intoxication | 11 |
| Intoxication and melancholia | 1 |
| Intoxication and domestic difficulties | 2 |
| Grief over death of wife | 3 |
| Grief over death of husband | 2 |
| Grief over death of child | 1 |
| Grief over death of cousin | 1 |
| After arrest for burglary | 1 |
| Despondency | 10 |
| Lack of employment | 9 |
| Delirious from prolonged illness | 3 |
| Failure in business | 4 |
| Unrequitted love affair | 2 |
| Despondent over separation from wife | 1 |
| Despondent over divorce proceedings | 2 |
| Love affair | 7 |
| Fear of amputation of legs | 1 |
| After attempted murder of wife and friend | 1 |
| After attempted murder of [illegible]'sweetheart | 2 |
| Despondent over arrest | 1 |
| Poverty and old age | 1 |
| Fear of prosecution | 1 |
| Suspected of murdering wife | 1 |
| Unknown causes | 23 |
| TOTAL | 391 |

## SUICIDES

| | |
|---|---|
| Male | 289 |
| Female | 102 |
| TOTAL | 391 |

| | |
|---|---|
| In City of lLos Angeles | 268 |
| In County of Los Angeles | 123 |
| TOTAL | 391 |

## AGES

| | |
|---|---|
| 10 to 20 years | 7 |
| 20, to 45 years | 176 |
| 45 to 65 years | 154 |
| 65 and over | 54 |
| TOTAL | 391 |

## HOMICIDES

| | |
|---|---|
| July | 13 |
| August | 10 |
| September | 12 |
| October | 7 |
| November | 9 |
| December | 7 |
| January | 11 |
| February | 8 |
| March | 7 |
| April | 7 |
| May | 9 |
| June | 10 |
| TOTAL | 110 |

## NATURE

| | |
|---|---|
| Shooting | 82 |
| Stabbing | 9 |
| Poisoning | 1 |
| Drowning | 1 |
| Fighting | 5 |
| Struck with object | 9 |
| Suffocation | 3 |
| TOTAL | 110 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Unjustifiable | 87 |
| Justifiable | 23 |
| TOTAL | 110 |

## HOMICIDES

## CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| SHOOTING — | |
| Presumably by bootlegger | 1 |
| Domestic difficulties | 19 |
| Lover's quarrel | 3 |
| Jealousy | 3 |
| Interference in love affair | 1 |
| Dispute over wages | 1 |
| Attempting to escape after robbery | 2 |
| Supposed rum runner (By Federal Officer) | 2 |
| Attempting to escape after hold up | 4 |
| Self defense | 5 |
| During attempted hold up | 7 |
| Resisting bandit | 2 |
| Family quarrel | 6 |
| Assaulting 3rd person with deadly weapon | 1 |
| Shot while committing robbery | 3 |
| By deranged person | 3 |
| Quarrel over auto damage | 1 |
| By bootleg enemies | 4 |
| Following party; unknown cause | 1 |
| In defense of mother | 1 |
| Mistaken for burgler | 2 |
| Playing with revolver while intoxicated | 1 |
| Resisting arrest | 3 |
| Unknown Causes | 6 |
| TOTAL | 82 |
| STABBING — | |
| Jealousy | 2 |
| Family quarrel | 1 |
| During hold up | 2 |
| Following puncture of tire | 1 |
| Suicide pact | 1 |
| Fight over carfare | 1 |
| During drunken brawl | 1 |
| TOTAL | 9 |

HOMICIDES
CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| POISONING — | |
| Cyanide planted in liquor | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 |
| DROWNING— | |
| New born babe | 1 |
| TOTAL | 1 |
| FIGHTING — | |
| Fell to pavement during fight | 2 |
| Fell to sidewalk during fight | 1 |
| Quarrel over woman | 2 |
| TOTAL | 5 |
| STRUCK WITH OBJECT — | |
| Struck on head with flashlight by Officer | 1 |
| Struck on head with object (Unknown) | 4 |
| Struck on head with object Baby (Unknown) | 1 |
| Struck on head with hammer (Demented) | 1 |
| Struck on head with object during robbery | 1 |
| Struck on head with object during lover's quarrel | 1 |
| TOTAL | 9 |
| SUFFOCATION — | |
| Baby (New Born) | 1 |
| Daughters, by demented Father | 2 |
| TOTAL | 3 |
| GRAND TOTAL | 110 |

## HOMICIDES

| | |
|---|---|
| By known person | 37 |
| By Unknown person | 30 |
| By Husband | 10 |
| By Officer | 14 |
| By person who committed suicide | 12 |
| By insane person | 1 |
| By father | 1 |
| By son-in-law | 2 |
| By Stepfather | 1 |
| By son | 1 |
| By Bootlegger | 1 |
| TOTAL | 110 |

| | |
|---|---|
| In City of Los Angeles | 67 |
| In County of Los Angeles | 40 |
| In Kern Co, death occurring in Los Angeles County | 1 |
| In Santa Barbara Co death occurring in Los Angeles County | 1 |
| In Needles, Calif, death occurring in Los Angeles County | 1 |
| TOTAL | 110 |

| | |
|---|---|
| Male | 73 |
| Female | 37 |
| TOTAL | 110 |

AGES

| | |
|---|---|
| Less than 1 year | 4 |
| 2 to 5 years | 2 |
| 10 to 20 years | 6 |
| 20 to 45 years | 75 |
| 45 to 65 years | 20 |
| 65 and over | 3 |
| TOTAL | 110 |

## ABORTIONS

| | |
|---|---|
| ABORTIONS | 28 |

### CAUSES

| | |
|---|---|
| Self induced | 17 |
| Partial; self induced | 2 |
| Criminal; by known person | 2 |
| Criminal; by unknown person | 1 |
| Criminal by Chiropractor | 1 |
| Criminal by Physician | 1 |
| Caused by fall to floor | 1 |
| Spontaneous | 1 |
| Unable to determine whether self induced or criminal | 2 |
| TOTAL | 28 |

| | |
|---|---|
| In City of Los Angeles | 19 |
| In County of Los Angeles | 9 |
| TOTAL | 28 |

### AGES

| | |
|---|---|
| 20 to 45 years | 28 |
| TOTAL | 28 |

## EXPENSE ACCOUNT

| | | |
|---|---|---|
| Interpreter's fees | 31 @ $3.00 | 93.00 |
| Postage | | 126.00 |
| Equipment repairs | | 328.71 |
| Typewriter repairs | | 70.52 |
| Telegrams and telephones | | 308.69 |
| Witness and Mileage fees | | 33.61 |
| Coroner's transportation | | 76.40 |
| Auto service | | 1796.60 |
| Mileage (Employee's auto) | | 1287.81 |
| Transportation of deceased persons | | 2010.00 |
| Chemical Analysis examinations | | 2750.27 |
| Hand writing supplies | | 13.89 |
| Papers, forms and covers | | 647.10 |
| Record Books | | 318.79 |
| Medical and Surgical Supplies | | 21.90 |
| Embalming Supplies | | 5718.34 |
| Laboratory Supplies | | 594.86 |
| Viewing Room Supplies | | 645.75 |
| Burial of Unknowns | | 692.50 |
| Laundry | | 166.67 |
| Burial boxes | | 22.46 |
| Exhuming | | 50.00 |
| Mimeographing and Supplies | | 362.55 |
| Other Office Supplies | | 184.95 |
| TOTAL | | $18281.37 |

## SALARIES

| | |
|---|---|
| Coroner, per annum | 6,000.00 |
| 1 Chief Deputy | 3,600.00 |
| 1 Assistant Chief Deputy | 2,700.00 |
| 1 Deputy | 2,700.00 |
| 6 Office Deputies | 12,495.00 |
| 1 Inquest Clerk | 2,100.00 |
| 3 Stenographic Reporters and Chauffeurs | 7,160.00 |
| 1 Stenographic Secretary | 1,740.00 |
| 2 Assistant Stenographers | 3,300.00 |
| 2 Autopsy Surgeons | 9,600.00 |
| 1 Chief Embalmer (Male) | 2,700.00 |
| 3 Embalmers | 6,900.00 |
| 7 Mortuary Attendants (Male) | 11,920.00 |
| 1 Mortuary Attendant (Female) | 1,740.00 |
| 1 Technician | 1,840.00 |
| 1 Propert Clerk | 1,980.00 |
| Vacation and sick relief | 1,500.00 |
| TOTAL | 79,975.00 |

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|---|---|
| Total Amount of Salaries | 79,975.00 |
| Total Amount of Operation Expense | 18,281.37 |
| TOTAL | 98,256.37 |

Total number of employees 33

## SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

| | |
|---|---|
| Estates of deceased persons | 13,334.10 |
| Litigants cash | 120.00 |
| Sale of Copies of Transcripts | 2,755.10 |
| Sheriff's fees | 33.05 |
| Sale of Stamps | 12.00 |
| Care of Body Fees | 23,025.00 |
| County Clerk Fees | 749.00 |
| TOTAL | 40,028.25 |

## SUMMARY OF DISBURSEMENTS

Deposited with County Treasurer

TRUST FUND

| | |
|---|---|
| Estate of Deceased persons | 13,334.10 |
| Litigants cash | 120.00 |

SALARY FUND

| | |
|---|---|
| Sale of copies of Transcripts | 2,755.10 |
| Sheriff's Fees | 33.05 |
| Care of Body Fees | 23,025.00 |
| General Fund | 12.00 |
| TOTAL | 39,279.25 |
| Deposited with County Clerk | 749.00 |
| TOTAL | 40,028.25 |