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The accident happened as Blink swung the truck around a corner within the town of Rhodes. The vehicle was overturned but did not leave the highway.

The noise caused as the vehicle overturned was heard by Leo Baie, Rhodes banker. Baie drove to the scene, found he could do nothing without help and drove to the business section for assistance.

Meanwhile the wreckage caught fire. Baie hurried back to the scene with help and the two men were soon dragged from the wrecked truck. They were taken to the Rhodes undertaking establishment and Dr. Ferris of Melbourne was called. He found both dead.

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