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NORWAY NEWS NUGGETS

Dr. E.P. Swift's Brush runabout was wrecked last Wednesday morning in a collision with a North-Western freight car at Curry crossing. The chauffeur and O.H. Peterson were in the auto. As they reached the crossing, the train crew was making a drop of some freight cars into a siding. When the engine was detached from the cars the chauffeur attempted to cross the track behind it not seeing the cars following. As a result the auto was struck by one of the cars and considerably damaged. Peterson and the chauffeur escaped without injury. The damage to the machine consisted of badly bent front axle, guards torn off and the frame work scratched and splintered in several places.

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SAGOLA NEWS GOSSIP.

Edw. Ryan's automobile burned last Wednesday night near Randville. Mr. Ryan was about ready to start for Sagola and had left the engine running. Fire was first discovered under the hood of the engine, but with the gasolene [*sic gasolene*] tank feeding the flames, the fire could not be extinguished and in a short time nothing but the frame was left. The loss was partially covered [*by*] an insurance of \$800.

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John and Clarence O'Callaghan and Dr. J.W. Dougherty came down from Witch Lake in their auto last Thursday afternoon. When near Sagola, Dr. Dougherty attempted to unload a rifle and a jolt of the car caused the gun to be discharged. The bullet went through the floor of the car, the exhaust pipe and the transmission case[,], disabling the car so that it had to be left at Sagola until new parts could be obtained from Iron Mountain, which were received Saturday and the car repaired.

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Albert Pierce and Kenneth LaPine drove to Iron Mountain last Sunday in Mr. LaPine's auto to meet their fathers. When near Randville the auto turned turtle over a steep embankment, with Kenneth LaPine at the wheel, and plunged about ten feet down the bluff among large and rugged boulders. Albert Pierce was thrown forward out of the car, about twenty feet, when he recovered unhurt, he went to the machine and found Kenneth LaPine under the driver's seat and helped him out, also unhurt. As luck would have it, the car turned over on the rocks at such a place that Kenneth LaPine was in a depression between the rocks, which prevented the car from resting on him. The young men were very badly frightened over their experience, as was [*sic – were*] also their fathers when they came from Iron Mountain in another car and saw what a

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narrow escape their boys had. The car was badly damaged and was towed to Iron Mountain for repairs after it had been raised up the bluff with block and tackle.

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SMASH OF AUTOS

Followed by Vicious Attack on Jess Jenson, Stabbed Six Times.

A collision between two automobiles at the north end of Milwaukee avenue at about nine o'clock last Sunday night culminated in the stabbing of Jess Jenson, of Crystal Falls, and in Mrs. Jenson being hit with a rock. Mr. Jenson is a patient at the St. George Hospital receiving treatment for six knife wounds and Andrew Corsi and Raphael D'Innocenzo are under arrest and a warrant is out for Pasquale Sandrie, who is hiding.

Particulars of the fracas are most conflicting and hard to obtain. According to the best information obtainable the facts are about as follows:

The cars that collided are owned by Joseph Lindstrom, of Felch, and Pasquale Sandrie. The Lindstrom car was being driven by Iver Lindstrom, son of the owner, who is about nineteen years of age, and contained another young man and two young women. The Sandrie car was driven by the owner with Corsi and D'Innocenzo as passengers. The Lindstrom car was going north enroute [*sic – en route*] home. D'Innocenzo and friends were enroute [*sic – en route*] home from a fishing trip and, according to our information, were in an intoxicated condition.

Young Lindstrom and his friends state that they saw the D'Innocenzo car approaching them at a rapid speed with only one head-light [*sic – headlight*] burning. Fearing an accident, Lindstrom says that he veered to the right side of the road and checked the speed of his car. The D'Innocenzo car veered to the right and struck the Lindstrom car which was badly smashed. The D'Innocenzo car sheered [*sic – veered*] to the center of the road and occupied this position when the Jenson car came along.

Noting that the roadway was blocked by the wrecked cars, Jenson got out to inquire if any one [*sic – anyone*] had been hurt. Learning that all the passengers had escaped injury, Jenson is said to have requested D'Innocenzo to remove his car from the center of the roadway so that he could continue his journey homeward. Angry words followed and the evidence gathered by the policemen relative to the instigator of the attack are most conflicting. The Italians testify that Jenson threatened to arrest them, stating that he was an officer, and that he struck the first blow. Corsi swears that Jenson struck and knocked him down. Young Lindstrom is equally positive that the Italians struck the first blow and that Jenson was attacked in unison by the three men.

During the melee, Janson was stabbed six times and was struck with a rock and kicked. The most serious wound received by Jenson is near the right kidney. Two other wounds less serious were in the body, one in the neck and the sixth on top of the head. Mrs. Jenson was also attacked and struck in the side by a rock and badly bruised. The little son sought shelter under the car.

Sandrie, who has not yet been captured, is said to have wielded the knife. Corsi admits that he struck and kicked Jenson, but only after he had been attacked, and

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D'Innocenzo was also a party to the assault.

The melee was witnessed by a party of young people, who were returning from the country, and Chief of Police Gibeault was informed. The chief, accompanied by Officer Cory, hastened to the scene. Some hours later Corsi and D'Innocenzo were arrested and placed in the county jail. Monday morning, the men were arraigned [*sic - arraigned*] in justice [*court - ?*], charged with assault with intent to commit great bodily harm. On motion of Prosecuting Attorney Knight, the examination was postponed until June 2nd. Corsi and D'Innocenzo gave bonds in their [*sic - the*] sum of \$2000 each for their appearance.

Mr. Jenson is resting easy at the hospital and unless complications set in his complete recovery is certain.

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AN AUTO ACCIDENT

Results in the Death of J. Sherrill O'Connell Last Friday Night.

Last Friday night, an automobile owned and driven by M.J. Bacco, and containing J. Sherrill O'Connell, Henry Vallencourt and E.S. Mickey, returning to this city from Florence, ran into the highway fence about two miles west of the Spread Eagle road, in Florence County, Wis., the accident causing the death of O'Connell. O'Connell occupied a front seat with Bacco.

The death of O'Connell was not discovered until the Bacco car reached the garage of Johnson Bros., in this city, and the discovery was made by G.R. Johnson,

one of the proprietors, when he attempted to help the supposedly injured man into another car for the purpose of taking him to the home of his mother, Mrs. Margaret O'Connell, on West Fleshiem street.

Coroner MacDonald and the police authorities were at once notified of the accident. A coroner's jury, consisting of Charles A. Farrell, Fred Caviani, Hugh Ohman, Biaga Ferzacca' [*sic - Ferzacca,*] George Lundin and G.R. Johnson, was at once empanelled by Coroner MacDonald, and the officials visited the scene of the accident.

Coroner MacDonald decided that an autopsy was necessary and one was held on Sunday morning by Drs. J.A. Crowell and S. Edwin Cruse. The autopsy brought to light the following injuries on the body of O'Connell: Right leg skinned from instep to knee; slight cut on chin; slight bruises on nose; on right side two distinct small blue marks and discoloration over a space of about four inches square; several ribs were broken away from the breast-bone; the liver was literally torn to pieces, and lower lobe [*sic - lobe*] of right lung punctured. It is the opinion that he did not live five minutes after the accident.

The surgeons conducting the autopsy were of the opinion that O'Connell's [*sic - O'Connell's*] death was due to the injury to the lung, and the supposition is that this wound was caused by a blow from the two-by-four capping on the posts which were razed [*sic - raised*] by the car when it left the road.

At the inquest, held on Tuesday, Mr. Bacco, and the other passengers in the car[,] testified that, at the time of the accident, the automobile - a Kessell Kar - was running between twenty [*sic - twenty*] and twenty-five miles an hour. There is a sharp turn in the road and a down-grade at the place where the accident occurred. In making the turn, a dense fog was encountered. In hugging the fence too

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closely, the car sheered and ran into the fence. Six or eight large posts, with the two-by-four capping, on the left side of the road, were torn down. In order to clear the fence, Mr. Bacco, according to the evidence, gave the wheel a sharp turn to the right. This resulted in the car knocking down several more posts and in jumping a ditch of considerable extent. It was then shown that Mr. Bacco succeeded in turning his car, went west through the field a distance of nearly two hundred feet, and again gained the road and came to Iron Mountain.

Until the Johnson garage was reached, and O'Connell was found dead, it was not supposed that any member of the party was injured. How O'Connell received his death wound is a mystery, as the windshield on the car was not broken. It is the supposition that he was side-swiped by the post capping.

The automobile was not badly damaged, the fenders and foot-rail on the left side being stripped, and it was run to Iron Mountain on its own power.

The verdict of the coroner's jury was to the effect [*sic* – effect] that J. Sherill O'Connell "came to his death from injuries received in an automobile accident."

Mrs. O'Connell, the widow, and the mother of the deceased, Mrs. Margaret O'Connell, were represented at the inquest by Attorney Symonds. Due to the fact that there was no evidence to prove whether Mr. O'Connell died in Wisconsin or Michigan, Coroner MacDonald would not permit Attorney Symonds to cross-examine the witnesses as to the facts before the accident. It is probable, however, that the accident will result in a suit for damages.

The victim of the accident is the oldest son of Mrs. Margaret O'Connell, and was born in Quinnesec. He was a railroad man and at the time of the accident held the responsible position of yardmaster for the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, at

Butte, Montana. A few weeks ago he was married and had come to Iron Mountain on a wedding tour the day before the accident happened. Mr. O'Connell was thirty-two years of age and was a young man with an assured career. For many years before leaving Iron Mountain, O'Connell and Bacco had been close friends. The death of O'Connell, who he had invited out for a pleasure ride, is a great shock to Bacco.

Deceased is survived by his wife, mother, Mrs. Margaret O'Connell, and three brothers and a sister, namely Miss Gwyneth, of Chicago, Hugh[,] of San Francisco, and Ray, of Daindille, North Dakota. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kane, sister and brother-in-law, arrived yesterday morning from Missoula, Montana, to attend the funeral. The other attendants are: Mr. and Mrs. Will Germain, aunt and uncle, of Escanaba, Miss Nina Germain, of WASHINGTON, D.C., George Germain, of Escanaba, Mrs. Mary O'Connell, of Chicago, and Mrs. John Crane and Mrs. Thomas Behan, of Crystal Falls.

The funeral will be held to-morrow [*sic* – tomorrow] morning at ten o'clock from St. Joseph's church.

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Automobile Accident.

Last Sunday afternoon, at the corner of Stephenson avenue and Hughitt street, Adolph Person, a resident of Iron River, was run down by an automobile driven by Mrs. George Huguet. Mr. Person was taken to the St. George Hospital, where it was discovered that he was in a precarious condition. The breast bone had been fractured by one of the wheels and he had been nearly scalped by the fender. Mr. Person's condition at this writing is

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considered favorable, but he is not yet out of danger.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 25, Number 24 [Thursday, October 28, 1920], page 1, column 4

Auto Accident.

Doris, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Strong, was badly injured in an unavoidable automobile accident near the Central school last Tuesday afternoon. In an endeavor to avoid one car the child ran in front of another, driven by Mrs. Lewis Eisele, and was knocked down. The shock caused an injury about the head and Doris has been unconscious most of the time since. An operation was performed at the St. George Hospital yesterday and hopes are entertained for her recovery, but this will not be known to a certainty until this evening.

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Doris, the thirteen-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Strong, who was recently injured by being knocked down by an automobile, sustaining a contusion of the head, has made a good recovery following an operation at the St. George Hospital. Miss Doris has returned home to her parents.

The Iron Mountain Daily News, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 3, Number 122 [Saturday, September 1, 1923], page 1, column 5

BIOLO INQUEST IS ADJOURNED

No Verdict Until Miss Parlanti Gives Tes- timony

After hearing several witnesses the coroner's jury sitting at the inquest held last night into the death of Miss Mary Biolo, who received fatal injuries in an automobile accident Monday evening, decided to adjourn for a week until the testimony of Miss Mary Parlanti, confined to St. George's hospital as a result of injuries she received in the same mishap, can be taken.

John Giacobina, driver of the death car, was present at the hearing last night but on advice of counsel, Dan J. O'Hara, declined to testify. With the exception of one statement made by Fire Chief Albert Bloom, the testimony of other witnesses was to the effect that Giacobina was not under the influence of liquor the night of the accident and did not send in the false alarm that called out the No. 1 fire truck, into which Giacobina's car crashed.

Accident Described

As a matter of fact, the testimony shed little light upon anything except the manner in which Giacobina's car hurtled into the rear end of the fire truck, the ladders projecting over the end of the truck tearing through the rear of the car and striking Miss Parlanti and Miss Biolo who were in the rear seat.

Witnesses included Miss Rose Chili, who was in the front seat of the car with Giacobina, Chief of Police Pesavento, Fire Chief Bloom, Firemen Henry Miller, Charles Anderson, Charles Fredrickson and Michael Scolatti [*sic* - *Scolati*], Police Officer Carlevato, Paul Gingras, Dr. S. Edwin Cruse and Dr. Eisele.

Did Not See Other Car

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The firemen, with the exception of the chief, and the two police officers were on the truck when the accident occurred. All declared that they did not see another car coming in the opposite direction that blocked the road so that Giacobina could out and pass the fire truck. According to their testimony, the truck had been stopped for several seconds before the smash-up, but they did not notice the Giacobina machine until it had started skidding and broadsided into the rear of the truck. They admitted that another car might have blocked the road but they did not see it. Those who talked to Giacobina after the accident asserted they did not notice he was under the influence of liquor.

The first witness on the stand was Miss Chili. She told briefly of driving to Quinnesec with Giacobina, turning around there and coming back to Iron Mountain. Giacobina did not stop the car on the way back, she said, so that he could not have turned in the false alarm at box No. 72, located at the corner of Stephenson avenue and G street. While coming north on Stephenson avenue, she testified, the fire truck passed them on its way south and Giacobina turned around at C street and followed. He increased the speed of his machine, she said[,] and she warned him not to go so fast.

Truck Had Stopped

It was so dark, she added, that they did not notice the fire truck was stopped until they were almost on top of it. Then Giacobina turned out to pass but saw the oncoming car. Finding the road blocked he put on the brakes and the car skidded into the truck.

Chief of Police Pesavento and Paul Gingras described the manner in which they moved Miss Parlanti and Miss Biolo from the rear seat. Miss Biolo had slumped down in the seat while Miss Parlanti was pinned to the back, her left arm wedged between two of the ladders that were

fastened together. Both young women were bleeding profusely and persons who passed in cars took them to the hospital, where Miss Biolo died Tuesday afternoon.

Giacobina "Not Himself"

Fire Chief Bloom described how early Monday evening Giacobina, a substitute fireman, had come to him at Station No. 2 and asked to get off until midnight. The chief said he remarked at the time to other members of the department that Giacobina was not "in a fit condition to work." He could not say whether or not liquor was responsible for Giacobina's condition but added that the driver "did not seem to be himself." Firemen, he said, were under orders to respond to an alarm whether or not they were on duty at a station.

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February 4, 1925], page ____, column 1

AUTO PLUNGES IN CHAPIN PIT

Driver Leaps to Safety As Machine Dives Down Embankment

Skidding on the icy road going over the Chapin pit, a Cadillac touring car driven by Joseph Weinstock, Iron Mountain contractor, plunged downward about 150 feet, coming to a rest 40 feet from the bottom of the cave-in. Weinstock jumped from the car just before it went over the steep cliff, and escaped without injury.

With the exception of a broken windshield, smashed top and scratches to the body, the car was not badly wrecked

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and, after being hauled from the pit, was run to a garage under its own power.

Weinstock declared this morning he was traveling at a rate of speed not in excess of 15 miles an hour when the front wheels got out of the rut. He endeavored to bring them back in line, he said, but a front wheel skid resulted, throwing the car around towards the guard railing. The car broke through the railing and just before it went over the embankment Weinstock leaped to safety. The motor of the car was still running when it reached the bottom of the pit.

Within an hour from the time of the mishap the machine had been hauled out of the pit by Anton Meinch, moving contractor, who used two trucks and a team of horses attached to a heavy cable.

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ROAD WORKER IS STRUCK BY AUTO

Dragged 50 Feet by Car; Girl Driver Loses Control

Dragged 50 feet by a car, Einar Anderson[,] a member of the crew engaged in repairing the Quinnesec road, suffered possible internal injuries this morning when he was run over by a car bearing license number 656-311, which, according to the county records, is the property of W. Oman, West A street.

According to Gust Carlson, foreman of the crew and an eye witness to the accident, the customary signs of warning to drive slow because of repairs being made on the road were put up at both ends of the

section where they were working. Anderson was working on the north shoulder of the road when the car, a girl at the wheel, got out of control, striking Anderson and passing over his abdomen. He was dragged 50 feet and the car did not come to a stop until it had struck a noll [*sic* – *knoll*].

The matter will be placed in the hands of an attorney by the county road commission, it was stated, action depending upon the seriousness of Anderson's injuries.

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DRIVER WILL BE ARRESTED, CLAIM

County Road Accident To Bring Legal Action, Says MacAllister

Definite steps for the arrest of the driver of the car which struck Einar Anderson while he was working with the repair crew on Quinnesec road will be taken by Prosecutor R.E. MacAllister within the next few days, according to the latter's statement this morning.

The prosecutor has been bus with the large number of cases which have come up at this term of circuit court and upon the passing of sentences tomorrow will be able to investigate the circumstances surrounding the accident.

Condition Is Favorable

The condition of Mr. Anderson is still favorable although it is not definitely known whether he is suffering from internal injuries or not. He has been a patient at his home, 307 Smith street, since the accident and is

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suffering from many painful cuts and bruises.

The license number on the car showed that W. Oman was the owner, although a woman was at the wheel at the time of the accident, driving with a male companion. According to witnesses both parties refused to divulge their identify and neither has been heard from since the accident, not even inquiring about Anderson's condition. This attitude, it was stated, has been resented by county officers and pressing of the legal action has been the result.

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TELLS STORY OF ROAD ACCIDENT

Owner of Car Describes How Einar Anderson Was Injured

The girl driver of the car that struck and injured Einar Anderson, county road worked, Tuesday morning on the Quinnesec road was identified today by William Oman, owner of the car, as Miss Eleanor Reeves, an employe *[sic – employee]* of the Roma restaurant.

Almost at the same time that Oman was making his explanation of the accident Prosecutor Ray E. MacAllister stated that an arrest would be made in the case on a charge of gross negligence.

The condition of Anderson, who is confined to his home at 307 Smith street, was reported as little unchanged today. While not believed to be in a serious condition, he is suffering from bad bruises

and wrenchings, the wheels of the car having passed over his abdomen.

Oman denied statements by county road employes *[sic – employees]* that he had failed to even inquire about Anderson since the accident. On the contrary, he said, he had not only visited Anderson but on Wednesday evening was accompanied to the latter's home by Miss Reeves, who felt considerable anxiety over the patient's condition.

Oman said that Miss Reeves was driving his car for the first time and that he also had his hands on the steering wheel when the accident occurred. Miss Reeves, however, he stated, had driven a car before.

They believed that Anderson saw them approaching, said Oman, and consequently were not alarmed when he started to cross the road in front of them. Instead of continuing, he said, Anderson stopped and deposited in a hole a shovel full of gravel he was carrying. When Anderson saw how close the car was he darted one way at the same instant the car was swerved in that direction to avoid striking him. Anderson then jumped in the other direction at the same time the car was swung over to escape hitting him in his former position. As a result the man was struck.

Oman said he gave his name and address to a road employe *[sic – employee]* after the accident but happened to give the number of his former residence, 403 West A street, instead of his present home, 805 West A street. The latter address has since been given to Anderson.

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NONE SERIOUSLY HURT IN MISHAPS

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Unusual Series of Week-end Auto Accidents Reported

Several auto accidents were reported over the week-end [*sic – weekend*] but no persons were seriously injured although several cars were badly damaged.

Mrs. Albert Rigoni, 107 East A street, received slight bruises about the body when the car her husband was driving was struck by another machine and forced into the ditch near Pine Gardens Saturday night.

The driver of the other machine, an Oldsmobile, did not stop after hitting the Rigoni car. Sheriff Cleveland was notified of the accident and today was attempting to locate the driver. Only the last three numbers of the license on the Oldsmobile were obtained and it was questionable whether the owner could be found.

Five occupants of a Studebaker sedan, owned and driven by Louis Sacchetti, member of the board of building inspectors, escaped injury when the front wheel of the machine broke after hitting a rock on the side of the highway near Republic early Sunday morning.

The car pivoted on the axel but did not turn over. The machine was being driven at a moderate rate of speed when the accident occurred.

Another accident occurred yesterday afternoon near Niagara when a new enclosed car driven by Melio Valenti, 17, turned over, but the occupants escaped injury. It was stated that Valenti was forced off the highway by a "road hog". The car was slightly damaged.

Two accidents occurring simultaneously yesterday afternoon at the intersection of Hughitt street and Stephenson avenue tied

up traffic for 10 minutes, cars being lined up on the avenue for a block each way.

The first mishap occurred when a Ford, driven by a Norway man whose name was not obtained, hit another machine in the rear. The second accident happened when another car struck the Norway machine in the rear. Poor brakes were responsible for the mishaps, it was said.

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Accident Victim's Funeral Tomorrow

The body of George Tweedy, 30, of Channing, who was killed Thursdays [*sic – Thursday*] afternoon when he was pinned underneath the car he was driving after it plunged off the road a mile north of Channing, was taken today to Gladstone where funeral services will be held tomorrow afternoon from the home of his mother. Burial will be made at Gladstone, where the accident victim lived before he went to Channing eight years ago.

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FIVE ESCAPE AS FIRE WRECKS CAR

Receive Only Minor Injuries When Machine Goes Over Bank

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Five occupants of an enclosed car, which was first damaged and then destroyed by fire due to a short circuit on the dash board [*sic – dashboard*], miraculously escaped injury when the machine toppled over an embankment at Stager yesterday afternoon at 5:30 o'clock.

The car was being driven by L.M. Robinson, of the Rex Taxi company. Robinson declares he was crowded off the road as he was passing another machine going in the same direction. After the front wheels encountered loose gravel on the extreme left side of the road, the machine skidded and turned over two times.

Robinson received only a slight bruise and a burn on his hand. The other occupants, William Swanson, Ewald Hiller, gust Bjorkman and William Horn, all of Iron Mountain, escaped unscathed.

Robinson was burned when he lifted the hood of the machines [*sic – machine*] and flames burst forth. Three of the occupants, in the rear seat, were almost caught by the fire which soon spread to all parts of the car. After the gasoline tank exploded, the car was totally wrecked and no effort was made to extinguish the blaze.

Truck Leaves Road.

Jess Jonavon, driving a truck for William Trudeau, of Kingsford Heights, met with an accident yesterday afternoon near the Brule bridge, Iron county. Jonavon pulled out to let an oncoming car go by and went off the road. He escaped injury but the front part of the truck was slightly damaged.

An enclosed car driven by Ernest Zambon, 1400 West A street, was minus two fenders and a running board after it was hit last night at 9 o'clock by a Ford on the new highway west of Norway. The driver of the Ford, whose name was not given out, took the blame for the accident. No one was reported injured.

A Ford coupe belonging to Mr. Viau, said to be of Escanaba, was demolished in a collision with another machine early this

morning on the new highway, near Norway. The second machine, a Ford touring car, was also considerably damaged, but no one was hurt.

Three Escape Death.

Three youths, "Chippie" Jones, Peter Swanson and William Gorrell, had a miraculous escape from death Sunday evening at Pulp creek, just over the state line on the Spread Eagle road, when the Ford touring car in which they were riding became uncontrollable in the loose sand, broke through a fence and went [*over*] a steep embankment. The car rolled over a number of times, landing right side up at the bottom. The occupants were badly shaken up and were unconscious when help arrived. None, however, received [*sic – received*] internal injuries, suffering only minor cuts and bruises.

The machine was being driven by Jones, who cut in ahead of another car and struck the loose sand, breaking through the protection rail and turning turtle down the steep embankment.

Another accident occurred on the road to Pine Gardens Sunday evening, a Ford sedan belonging to A. Bilsky [*sic – Bilski*], of Vulcan, and a Ford coupe belonging to Wilford Midtling, of Crystal Falls, colliding, the coupe turning turtle in the road. None of the occupants of either car was seriously injured, suffering only minor bruises.

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Parked Machine Struck By Auto

Driving through from St. Paul with the intent of spending the night at the Lion's Camp site, Eric M. Larson and family had a

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narrow escape when the machine, in which they were parked by the side of the road, was struck by a car belonging to Edwin Anderson[,] of Norway. None of the occupants of the cars was injured and yesterday afternoon Anderson settled with the St. Paul man for the damages which resulted from the accident.

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FIVE INJURED IN AUTO COLLISION

Bad Accident Occurs Last Night Near Pine Gardens

Miss Iola Linderman, of Channing, is in a serious condition at her home, suffering from the loss of blood and a possible fracture of the skull, as the result of an automobile collision on the Twin Falls road last evening about four miles north of Pine Gardens. Three other occupants of the Channing car, a sedan, in which Miss Linderman was a passenger, were also hurt, one suffering serious injuries. Henry Hood and Leo Perron, both of this city, occupants of the Ford coupe which also figured in the accident, were also injured. Perron is suffering from deep cuts caused by flying glass and is confined to his bed at his home, 606 Van Buren street, being unable to walk.

The accident occurred shortly after midnight last night. Leo Preisler was driving the sedan, which belonged to Arthur Starrs, and was returning to Channing. Four miles from Pine Gardens, according to the story told by Starrs, the party met a

coupe. The coupe remained on the proper side of the road until the cars were just a short distance from each other when Henry Hood, driver of the coupe, suddenly swung to the wrong side of the road. Preisler, in an effort to avoid a head-on collision, pulled over to the extreme left, the front of the coupe hitting the Starr [sic] machine directly in the center and then turning over.

Blinding Lights Blamed.

According to the story told by Henry Hood and substantiated by Leo Perron, the other occupant in his car, the blinding lights on the sedan caused him to pull over on the other side of the road. Hood claims to have had his dimmers on, stating that it was impossible to see against the blinding lights.

Arthur Starrs, who was an occupant in the rear seat of the sedan with Miss Linderman, was also badly hurt, suffering several cuts in the scalp and on the leg and also a severe sprain in his right arm. Preisler, and Miss Dulcine Gohr, who were riding in the front seat, suffered only minor cuts and bruises.

Perron Worst Injured.

Leo Perron was the most seriously injured in the Ford coupe, being cut by flying glass and suffering severe bruises. Several stitches were required to close the large cuts in his head, under the chin and on the right arm from where a large piece of glass was removed.

All of the injured members were given first aid treatment at the General hospital here, two members of the Channing party remaining in the city while the two girls were rushed to their homes. Both cars were damaged beyond repair.

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AS SEDAN TIPS

Abe Sackim Slightly Injured in Accident Near Wausaukee

Pinned by one hand beneath his heavy Studebaker sedan, Abe Sackim[,] of the A. Sackim store here, miraculously escaped serious injury yesterday when his car turned over near Wausaukee, Wis.

Mr. and Mrs. Sackim were enroute [*sic – en route*] to Chicago. Rounding a bend outside of Wausaukee they ran onto a bed of newly laid crushed rock, and the car tipped and settled on its side.

Mrs. Sackim was uninjured, and the injuries to Mr. Sackim's hand, while painful, are not considered serious.

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Three Are Injured In Auto Collision

Slight injuries were suffered by three persons when two automobiles collided early last night at the intersection of Highway 57 and the Norway road, near Niagara. The two cars were badly damaged.

Mrs. McCormick and her son and Mrs. Graville, all of Pembine, were traveling to Niagara to visit another son of Mrs. McCormick, who is confined to the hospital there, when the accident occurred. The other machine was from Armstrong Creek.

Mrs. McCormick suffered bruises to her back and Mrs. Graville received scalp

wounds. A woman in the other machine was quite badly injured, suffering a broken nose and three smashed fingers.

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Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 15, Number 10 [Thursday, July 28, 1910], page 6, column 2

Mrs. Datson Is Injured.

Mrs. Fredrick Datson, wife of the Rev. Datson, rector of the Grace Episcopal church, was run into last Tuesday evening by a young man on a bicycle and thrown to the brick pavement near the home of M.B. Lloyd. She sustained several severe bruises and suffered a nervous shock. The bicycle on which the boy was riding was not lighted, it is said. – Menominee Herald-Leader.

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The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain, Menominee County, Michigan, Volume XI, Number 4 [Thursday, April 18, 1889], page 1, column 2

FAST driving for vanity shows or any other purposes should be absolutely prohibited on the streets of Iron Mountain. We don't want to see our children or women ridden down for the sake of the paltry paces of fast horses. Menominee has shown this city the way in regard to a municipality's rights as to reckless driving.

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JIM KINNIFICK's piebald horse took possession of the streets on Saturday, but to all appearance [sic] the animal might have belonged to anybody but Jim, as he was apparently the coolest man in town while every man and boy in the place was [sic – place was] hip, hip, horraying after the runaway.

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Serious Horse Play.

Charley Rupp is lame. He explains the circumstances in this way: "I kicked the horse on Thursday, and the darned horse kicked me back, and I got the worst of the arrangement." We should think he did. He was badly cut, and had the narrowest possible escape from having his leg broken.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 21 [sic] [Thursday, October 13, 1904], page 5, columns 1-2

RANDVILLE REPORTS.

Josiah Beard and John Garland, of Iron Mountain, were unfortunate in their partridge hunt last Sunday. They drove their horse into the Sturgeon river to water him and he became unmanageable and swam across the stream, upsetting the rig, and the two men barely escaped drowning. They left the horse in the woods over night and went to Iron Mountain on the train. Monday morning Garland returned and engaged the services of Byron Wilbur, who built a raft and ferried the horse across the

river for him and Mr. Garland drove home, thankful that his life and that of his friend, Beard, had been spared, and that they had recovered their horse and rig.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 33 [Thursday, January 3, 1907], page 1, column 6

Horse Shot.

A horse belonging to M. Longprey was struck by a stray bullet last Thursday while being driven from Niagara to Iron Mountain. The right hind leg was broken, which necessitated the killing of the horse. The accident happened about thirty rods west of the bridge, across the Menominee river on the Wisconsin side, and the lady who was driving the horse, and her two little children, had to walk to Quinnesec. It is not known from what source the bullet came, but it is supposed that some one [sic – someone] was hunting rabbits in that vicinity and shot towards the road.

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Runaway Fatality.

Dr. J.A. Crowell was called to Norway at an early hour last Thursday morning to attend a laborer named Frank D'Andra, who had been injured in a runaway accident. The wheels of a heavy truck had run cross both hips, splintered the bones, and also injuring him internally. An operation was performed, but it proved futile, as the injured man died several hours later. D'Andra was a young man, about twenty-two years old and came to Norway a few weeks ago to work on the sewer contract.

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ARE NEAR TO DEATH.

Rev. and Mrs. A.K. Scott Victims of a Runaway Accident in Canada.

Meagre [*sic* – *Meager*] particulars have been received here of a serious accident to Rev. and Mrs. A.K. Scott, of this city, at Pembroke [*sic* - *Pembroke*], Ont., where they are visiting relatives.

According to the information at hand, Mr. and Mrs. Scott were out riding with relatives. The team became frightened at a passing train and ran away. A collision with a tree followed and the carriage was wrecked.

Mrs. Scott was thrown to the ground with great violence, striking on her head and shoulders, causing concussion of the brain. She was unconscious for forty-eight hours.

Rev. Mr. Scott also struck on his head and shoulders and was unconscious for several hours and the other members of the party were more or less injured.

For a [*sic*] several days it was feared that Mrs. Scott would not survive her injuries. In addition to concussion of the brain, she was also badly bruised and cut about the head and it was thought she was injured internally. Later advices, however, are to the effect that she will recover.

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Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14,
Number 14 [Thursday, August 26,
1909], page 1, column 4

SKULL WAS CRUSHED.

Frederick Springer is Killed in Runaway Accident at Alfred.

Thrown from a heavy wagon during a wild runaway at Alfred, in West Branch township, Frederick Springer, a teamster employed by the H.A. Bauman company, met instant death when one of the wheels passed over his head, crushing his skull.

Springer was engaged in hauling shingles from the mill and in crossing a railroad track two of the bunches fell from the load striking the two horses. The team bolted, and[,] although the driver made a desperate effort to control them[,] he was unable to bring them to a standstill. Plunging from the road into a strip of cut-over land the wagon struck a log and Springer was pitched forward. He fell beneath the wheels of the wagon and one of the heavy rims struck him at the back of his head, causing instant death. The decedent was thirty-four years old.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain,
Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14,
Number 51 [Thursday, May 12, 1910],
page 1, column 1

Breaks Two Ribs.

William H. Stephenson, superintendent of the Menominee River Boom company, sustained the fracture of two ribs in an accident that happened near this city. His condition is not at all serious and he will be able to be about again in a short time. Mr. Stephenson was driving and struck a rut in the road and the buggy tipped over on its side. One wheel struck him in the side and caused the injury. The horse did not run away. He is recovering at his home in Marinette.

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Injured in Runaway.

Charles Boucher, who runs a wood-sawing machine, had his right leg broken below the knee in a runaway accident last Friday morning. Mr. Boucher recently purchased a new horse and had it hitched with another horse to the machine. He had driven to a wood-pile [*sic* – *woodpile*] in the alley in the rear of Kramer's saloon to saw the wood. Boucher sat on the seat in front of the machine, holding the horses, while his men started to saw wood. The new horse, unused to the noise of the saw, became frightened and ran away. In turning the corner of the alley and East Hughitt street, Boucher was thrown to the ground and one of the wheels of the machine ran over his leg. The team ran to the corner of East Hughitt street and Iron Mountain avenue, where one of the wheels struck a post and broke the front axle, leaving the machine in the ditch.

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In Precarious Condition.

Andrew Willis, the teamster who was received at St. George's Hospital from Randville in an unconscious condition a week ago last Tuesday, is still in a very precarious condition. He is unconscious nearly all the time and is unable to take nourishment. The physicians are of the opinion that, unless there is a decided change for the better soon, he will not recover. Willis is suffering from what might be termed a "jarred brain." There are no

fractures in evidence and no internal injuries apparent. As was noted in *The Press*, Willis was thrown head foremost against a stump in a runaway accident near Randville. Nothing can be learned regarding his relatives or place of residence.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 16, Number 9 [Thursday, July 20, 1911], page 1, column 3

Rigs in Collision.

Last Sunday evening, a carriage containing Mr. and Mrs. L.J. Kellan was run into and overturned by another rig containing a pair of jagged foreigners. Mr. and Mrs. K. were thrown under the horse's feet, but the animal moved ahead and the carriage was overturned upon them. Mr. K. succeeded in extricating Mrs. K. from the wreck and in stopping his horse. The carriage containing the joy riders was badly smashed, the occupants being thrown headlong to the road, but escaped serious injuries. Mrs. Kellan was taken to her home in an automobile. Her injuries consisted of bruises. Mr. Kellan was uninjured. The accident was fortune [*sic*] in that no one was killed or badly injured.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 20, Number 6 [Thursday, June 24, 1915], page 7, column 3

QUINNESEC NOTES.

Leon Fraker was quite seriously injured last Monday while riding a bicycle. He tried to pass a team on the county road too closely and one of the animals became frightened and kicked him in the thigh cutting a bad gash. He was taken to Dr. Dockery at Iron Mountain and had the wound dressed.

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30, 1922], page 1, column 2

DRIVER INJURED AS HORSE BOLTS

Animal Breaks Leg and Has to Be Shot After Runaway.

_____ Izzo, parcel post deliveryman,
_____ injuries to his foot and leg received
when the horse drawing the parcel post
delivery wagon ran away down A street hill
Tuesday evening.

Izzo had nearly finished his deliveries
and was working his way back to the
postoffice [*sic* – *post office*]. He had just
returned from making a delivery when the
horse started off. Knowing the animal to be
high spirited, Izzo grasped the reins and
tried to avert the runaway, but without
success. During the attempt, one wheel of
the wagon ran over his foot, the hub striking
his leg, and inflicting injuries which, while
they may be painful enough to lay him up
for a day or two, are not serious.

The horse bolted down the hill, and out
upon Stephenson avenue. In attempting to
turn the corner, the animal fell and broke its
leg, ending its wild flight on the
Northwestern parkage [*sic*]. Fortunately,
traffic on the street was light, and there
were no collisions.

Officer Joe Axberg was called and shot
the horse, four bullets being required to kill
it. Izzo and his brother gathered the
remaining parcels and returned them to the
post office, after which Izzo had his injuries
attended to at St. George's hospital.

It was said that the horse, which was
owned by Felix La Brook, has given trouble
on previous occasions.

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The Menominee Range, Iron Mountain,
Menominee County, Michigan, Volume
XI, Number 5 [Thursday, April 25, 1889],
page 1, column 1

TWO ore trains collided at River Siding,
on the C. & N.W., about four miles west of
Iron Mountain, last Tuesday afternoon, but
fortunately no one was hurt. One of the
engines was thrown crosswise of the track,
and several of the ore cars were badly
broken up. The 3:30 passenger was
delayed about two hours by the wreck.

The Current, Norway, Menominee County,
Michigan, Volume VI, Number 14
[Saturday, May 10, 1890], page 1,
column 4

Killed on the Loop.

Wednesday evening word was brought
to town that Patrick Rice, an old resident
here, had been struck by a train while
walking through the rock cut on the Loop
about a mile west of Fumee. A coroner's
jury was taken to the scene of the accident
and the body was then brought to town and
taken to the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Alex.
Miller, nephew and niece of [*the*] deceased,
from which place it was buried yesterday
morning. The deceased was walking on
the track and being deaf he did not hear the
approach of engine No. 448, which struck
him and threw him about 20 ft. breaking his
back and causing instant death. Patrick
Rice was a brother of Thomas Rice whose
death was chronicled in these columns a
few weeks ago. He owned a small farm on

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the state road and besides working that did considerable work in the lumber woods.

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CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Jas. Brum, a section hand, met with an accident last Monday evening. He was coming in from work on the Ontonagon branch on a hand car, and when near the water tank fell from the car and fractured his left arm. He was also bruised and scratched about the head and face. He went to Iron Mountain for medical treatment.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 21 [sic] [Thursday, October 13, 1904], page 5, column 1

CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

Chas. Schiepkke, one of the section men, had his fingers crushed by being caught in the hoisting gear while hoisting a bucket of coal at the St. Paul coal-shed [sic – coal shed] last Friday. One finger was so badly crushed that it was necessary to amputate a portion of it.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 22 [Thursday, October 20, 1904], page 5, column 2

CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

John Coughlin had his shoulder fractured last Monday by being caught between the cab and the doorway of the round-house [sic – roundhouse] while the engine was being taken out of the house.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 23 [Thursday, October 27, 1904], page 5, column 3

WAUCEDAH WHISPERS.

There was a wreck at Sumac Siding on the Schlessinger branch of the North-Western last Saturday night. An extra ore train ran into a switch engine, which is used to help trains over the hill. The switch engine was getting into the sidetrack, when the ore train collided with it; both engines were badly damaged and six cars or ore ditched. None of the crew was hurt.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 9, Number 25 [Thursday, November 10, 1904], page 5, column 3

CHIPS FROM CHANNING.

John Coughlin returned last Saturday from Green Bay, where he has been for the past three weeks receiving treatment for a crushed shoulder.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 11, Number 18 [Thursday, September 20, 1906], page 1, column 2

Section Hand Killed.

Alex Anderson was instantly killed at Waucedah last Friday morning by the

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special excursion train on the North-Western road. Anderson was a section laborer. With three other laborers he was traveling west on the hand-car [*sic* – *handcar*]. When about a mile from Waucedah[,] the special train was met unexpectedly. All but Anderson succeeded in jumping clear of the track. He was struck by the engine and thrown nearly two hundred feet. He was instantly killed. The remains were taken to Norway and interred. He was unmarried and had no relatives in this country.

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KILLED ON BRIDGE

TWO GIRLS RUN DOWN BY A ST. PAUL FREIGHT ENGINE.

Bertha Yuhassey and Christina Seminack, the Victims, Go Over Sixty-Foot Embankment.

The inter-state bridge of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul road, across the Menominee river one mile south of the city, was the scene of a heart-rending accident last Friday morning a few minutes after seven o'clock, resulting in the death of two girls just entering womanhood.

The victims of the accident were Bertha Yuhassey, aged seventeen years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Yuhassey, and Christina Seminack [*sic* – *Semenak*], aged fifteen years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Seminack [*sic* – *Semenak*].

The accident happened within a few yards of the Wisconsin end of the bridge

and the girls were run down by a freight engine which had been ordered to the Green Bay shops for repairs.

Together with thirty or forty others, the Yuhassey and Seminack [*sic* – *Semenak*] girls had left the city at an early hour for the berry fields just across the bridge in Wisconsin. The party had planned to reach the bridge soon after the arrival of the Chicago passenger train from the south at about seven o'clock. The train was an hour later, however.

This fact was unknown to the members of the party, but when the train did not arrive on time, the majority decided to remain on the Michigan side of the bridge until the passage was seemingly secure. Becoming impatient, and more daring than their companions, the victims, accompanied by four others, decided to "take a chance," as one of them expressed it, and crossed the bridge. No thought was given of the probable arrival of a train from the north.

The delay of the passenger train resulted in the decision of the railway officials to start the disabled freight engine south to the shops. The engine was in charge of Engineer Edward Foster with Conductor Ben Burns in the caboose. They had a time order to Pembine against No. 3, the passenger train. The engine was crippled, only one side being in running order.

Engineer Foster declares that he was running slowly. He saw the girls the length of the bridge away. He blew his whistle sharply and attempted to stop his engine before reaching them, but owing to the crippled condition of the machinery he was unable to do so in time to save their lives.

The Yuhassey girl was struck and thrown down the right embankment and the Seminack [*sic* – *Semenak*] girl went over the left embankment. The distance from the top of the bridge to the river side, where the bodies lodged, is nearly sixty feet. The skull of the Yuhassey girl was crushed in,

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the right leg was broken above the knee and the left arm at the elbow. The Seminack [sic – Semenak] girl had a deep cut over the right temple and the left leg was broken at the angle.

The remains were recovered speedily by the train men and brought to this city. The relatives of the victims had been notified of the accident and the scene at the depot when the victims were received was a heart-rending one.

The funeral of Bertha Yuhassey was held on Sunday from the German Lutheran church and that of Christina Seminack [sic – Semenak] from St. Mary's church on Monday.

Coroner Cudlip has impaneled a jury and will hold an inquest, commencing this morning.

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MAN TORN TO PIECES.

Joseph Shay Run Down by a North-Western Train at Quinnesec.

Last Tuesday morning, the engineer of an ore train on the North-Western discovered the mangled remains of a man on the track about a half mile west of Quinnesec. The man had evidently been killed by an eastbound train, probably the passenger train Monday night.

Coroner Cudlip was notified and upon investigation the remains were identified to be that of Joseph Shay, a well-known character about Quinnesec.

The body was mangled almost beyond recognition, but Mrs. Shay positively identified several articles of clothing which he had recently purchased.

Shay had been working at the Pewabic mine and is supposed to have been riding the blind baggage to Quinnesec and in some way fell off and was caught under the wheels.

He was forty-nine years of age and three years ago was married to Mrs. Melvin A. Day.

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A Narrow Escape.

The venerable Capt. Richard Lawry, of the Groveland mine, had an exceedingly narrow escape from being crushed to death at the Ludington street crossing of the Chicago & North-Western road last Saturday evening. He was struck by the engine of the southbound passenger [train] and was rescued from death by Fire Chief Cardinal as he was about to be crushed between the depot platform and the engine. He was taken to St. George's Hospital, where an examination established that the left leg had been broken between the knee and ankle and the heel so badly crushed that an operation was necessary. There was a deep cut at the knee and many bruises of a minor nature. Capt. Lawry withstood the shock splendidly and his injuries are not deemed dangerous. The accident was due to the many confusing lights and the fact that the captain is blind in the left eye. The presence of mind of the fire chief was all that saved him from a horrible death.

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CRIMINAL NEGLIGENCE

Coroner's Jury Holds St. Paul Trainmen Responsible for Deaths.

"Christina Semenak and Bertha Yuhassey came to their death on the 13th day of August, 1909, on the Wisconsin side of the Menominee river by being struck by engine 747, owing to the criminal neglect of the engineer not having engine under control, and proceeding at too high a rate of speed over bridge."

The above is the verdict of Coroner Cudlip's jury in the case of the young women who were run down by a disabled Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul engine in charge of Engineer Foster on the date named.

The verdict was arrived at after the examination of a large number of witnesses including Engineer Foster and Conductor Burns.

The Railway company was represented at the inquest by J.C. McKevitts, attorney and claim agent, and Prosecuting Attorney Henderson appeared for the people. A stenographic report of the evidence was taken by the Attorney Winegar for the Railway company.

The evidence was very conflicting. The witnesses appearing for the people – or rather on behalf of the relatives of the victims of the sad accident – contended that the engine was running at a high rate of speed and that the engineer did not use due precaution in approaching and crossing the bridge. The evidence of Engineer Foster and Conductor Burns and the other railway men was directly to the contrary.

The verdict of the jury will no doubt result in the commencement of suits for damages by the relatives of the victims against the Railway company.

That the company will combat the verdict is a foregone conclusion. Indeed, The Press learns that the company will contend, among other things, that a Dickinson county coroner's jury has no authority in the premises – that the accident happened in the state of Wisconsin – and that the inquest should have been held in that state. It can be stated, however, that Coroner Cudlip in holding the inquest, was acting in accordance with the advice of Prosecuting Attorney Henderson. Also, that a number of the witnesses testified that the accident happened near the centre [*sic* – *center*] of the bridge, in Michigan territory.

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John Trottier, a switchman in the North-Western yard, met with an accident early last Friday morning in which both legs were cut off.

A number of ore cars loaded with coal were being set out from a train on a side-track near Antoine. Trottier was on the last car, prepared to set the brake as soon as the cars were in to [*sic* – *the*] clear. As the cars were being backed into the siding, Ed. Harvey, another switchman, attempted to cut the engine loose, but the pin-lifter did not work. As the engine stopped the cars were suddenly jerked and Trottier was thrown to the track in front of the cars. After the second attempt to life the pin, the cars were released from the engine and ran over Trottier's leg[,], cutting the right one off near the ankle and the left one above the knee.

Trottier was taken to St. George's Hospital, where his injuries were attended to.

Trottier is about twenty-five years of age and has been employed as a switchman for the past five years. He resides with his parents on Lake street. A wide circle of

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friends will regret to learn of his sad affliction.

Frank Delventhal, formerly a freight conductor on the Wisconsin & Michigan road, well-known in this city, was maimed for life in a deplorable accident Friday evening at Milwaukee, where he has been employed as a switch foreman in the St. Paul railroad yards. Delventhal was riding the side of a car while making a switch, when his foot caught in the unprotected opening of a guard rail and was held as in a vice. He managed to retain his hold in a desperate effort to keep from going under the wheels for a few moments, but had to let go and he fell between the cars, grasping the coupler as he fell. The wheels passed over his right leg between the knee and the ankle and the engineer came to a sudden stop, taking the slack out of the cars so suddenly that Delventhal had no time to extricate himself and the wheels ground the injured leg a second time, mangling it so badly that it was necessary to amputate it above the knee.

Conductor Cameron, of the St. Paul road, met with an accident last Sunday morning that will cause his retirement from duty for several weeks. In attempting to lift himself from the depot platform into the baggage car by the hand-rail [*sic – handrail*] he felt something give away in his right arm. He gave the injured member little attention, thinking it was a small sprain that would soon mend itself. Towards evening, however, the injury become [*sic – became*] so painful that he was unable to perform his duties, and Conductor Humes was placed in charge of the train at Channing and will “sub” for Mr. Cameron until the injury responds to treatment.

Iron Mountain Press, Iron Mountain, Dickinson County, Michigan, Volume 14, Number 46 [Thursday, April 7, 1910], page 1, column 5

Foot Crushed.

While engaged in switching cars at Campbell Spur last Saturday morning[,] Daniel J. Teahen, a conductor employed by the North Western road, had his right foot caught between the bumpers of two cars and the bone so seriously crushed that it was necessary to amputate the foot at the ankle, when the unfortunate man was taken to the Delta county hospital. Taken [*sic*] was about to make a coupling between a box car [*sic – boxcar*] and a flat car [*sic – flatcar*] when he noticed that the knuckle was not straight. Quickly he attempted to kick the knuckle into position, but his foot was caught between the bumpers and crushed to a pulp.

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Killed by a Train.

At Hermansville, last Saturday, Sadero Selva, [*sic*] was the victim of a railroad accident. Selva attempted to crawl under a train which had halted at a crossing. While he was passing over a rail the train pulled ahead and Selva was caught by the wheels and cut in two.

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Killed By a Train.

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The remains of a man dressed as a woodsman were found in a rock-cut on the St. Paul road about eight miles south of here last Sunday morning. The head had been severed from the body and the remains were badly mangled. The remains were taken to Amberg. An investigation established that the body was that of a man answering to the name of George Mullen, who had been employed in the Sawyer-Goodman company camp near Cataline. Mullen had visited Amberg on Saturday and started to walk back to the camp on the railroad track after dark. It is the supposition that Mullen was run down by the south-bound passenger train the same evening. He was a little known at the camps and no information could be secured regarding his home or relatives.

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UNDER THE WHEELS

LOUIS SCHUPP FALLS UNDER THE WHEELS OF LOCOMOTIVE.

While Standing on Head-Board, Becomes Dizzy and Falls Just As Engine Starts, Is Killed.

Louis Schupp, who was employed as a miner at the Indiana mine, fell under the wheels of a Chicago & North-Western switch engine at the location at about seven o'clock yesterday morning and received injuries that resulted in instant death.

Mr. Schupp, with other residents of the city employed at the mine, had made it a practice to ride to and from his work on the

switch engine. He was employed on the night shift. During the night he had remarked to working companions that he was not feeling well. He had stepped on the head board of the engine with two other miners. Just as the engine started Mr. Schupp was, apparently, attacked with a fainting spell and fell from the board. Before his companions could rescue Mr. Schupp, the pilot wheel of the engine ran over him. His left arm was severed and the body almost crushed in twain.

The remains were brought to the MacDonald & Payant morgue. Coroner Cudlip has empaneled [*sic – impaneled*] a jury and the accident will be investigated.

Mr. Schupp resided on East Grant street. He was forty-five years of age and had resided in the city for twenty-one years, following the vocation of a miner. He had been employed for sixteen years in the Chapin mine.

Mr. Schupp is survived by a wife and six small children, the eldest being about twelve years of age. He was a hard-working citizen and the family is assured of the heartfelt sympathy of the people of the city in their great bereavement.

The funeral arrangements will not be concluded until advices are received from his brother, who resides in Montana.

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Falls Under Wheels.

Jerry Sayles, twenty-five years old, fireman on a St. Paul freight train, lost a leg and sustained a fractured skull in an accident at Coleman, on Tuesday. He was taken to a Green Bay hospital. Owing to [a] shortage of brakemen, Sayles was filling in as a brakeman on the trip. While switching

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at the Coleman station, he stepped off the locomotive and slipped under *[the]* wheels.

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AGED MAN KILLED BY NORTHWESTERN PASSENGER TRAIN

John Johnson, 85, Run Over at Brown Street Crossing

John Johnson, aged 85, was instantly killed this morning when he was knocked down and run over by Northwestern train No. 16 as he was attempting to cross the track at Brown street. His body was completely severed, the trunk and legs lying alongside the track near Brown street, and the head and chest being wedged in between the engine drivers.

Was Hard of Hearing.

Johnson was very hard of hearing, and, it is believed, did not hear the crossing bell or that of the approaching train. William Carroll, of Escanaba, engineer, asserts that Johnson walked directly in front of the locomotive, and his statement is supported by that of two men who were loading a truck nearby. Another witness claims that Johnson stumbled in crossing the track.

Attention to the accident was called by the rapid blasts of the whistle. The crowd which had gathered at the station, seeing that something was amiss, started for the scene on the run, and within five minutes it is estimated that several hundred people were gathered alongside the train, which had been stopped by application of the emergency brakes. The lower part of

Johnson's body was lying alongside the track, about the middle of the rear coach, and one severed arm was between the rails. The upper part of his body and his head were wedged in between the drivers and driving rod of the engine. The locomotive had to be moved back and forth a few feet several times before the remains could be dislodged.

Will Hold Inquest.

Coroner Erickson was called, and took charge of the body. An inquest will be held later.

The train was in charge of Conductor John Crane and Engineer William Carroll, and was running about five minutes late at the time the accident occurred. Carroll *[need to finish copying this article]*

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DERAILED ENGINE BLOCKS TRAFFIC

Big Locomotive Replaced On Rails Yesterday Afternoon

Railroad workmen succeeded yesterday afternoon in replacing on the tracks a large Northwestern locomotive that became derailed when it was pushing a dozen ore cars up the spur to the B shaft of the Chapin mine.

The engine left the tracks on the Stephenson avenue crossing late Saturday afternoon, blocking traffic. A detour was arranged by way of the Hamilton shaft of the mine, and traffic policemen were on duty until a late hour to protect motorists.

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The engine was derailed by a broken rail. It tore up the track for a short distance, but was realigned without the use of a wrecker, two large engines being used to pull it back on the rails.

Reports that the delay in getting the engine on the tracks was due to the shopmen's strike, were denied by the railroad offices here.