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Train on Lehigh Hits Automobile; Four Are Killed Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Smith and W. R. Norris and Wife Are Killed Near Victor

THREE BODIES FOUND ON FENDER OF LOCOMOTIVE HALF MILE AWAY

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Smith, of No. 54 Augustine street, and Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Norris, of No. 331 Glenwood avenue, were killed, probably instantly, to-night at Swamp road crossing, one mile west of Victor, when the Ford touring car in which they were motoring to Canandaigua was struck by Lehigh Valley passenger train No. 6.

The bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Norris and Mr. Smith and the wrecked automobile were found wrapped about the front of the locomotive after the engineer had succeeded in stopping the train a half mile from the scene. Mrs. Smith was found nearer the crossing.

The party was going to Canandaigua lake to camp and had taken their camping utensils along with them. Dishes, pans and the like were strewed along the track for rods.

The bodies were horribly mutilated, except for the faces, which were only bruised. Mr. Smith was identified by a wallet in a pocket of his clothing, which bore his name burned in the leather. The Norrises were identified by Austin Dick, of No. 105 Edinburgh street, manager of the Arcade restaurant, of which Mr. Norris was owner. Mr. Norris had more than \$200 in his pocket.

Both of the men carried gold watches. One timepiece had stopped at 9:15 o'clock. Train No. 6 was scheduled to reach Victor at 9:20 and was approaching that station.

At the point where the accident occurred, the highway goes north and south and the Lehigh tracks cross east and west. The fact of the automobile's having been struck on the left side indicated that the motorists were going toward Canandaigua.

No one witnessed the collision. Some people who had crossed the track a short time before thought they heard a noise as if something had been hit and returned to investigate. What they saw verified their worst fears.

Coroner Alfred W. Armstrong, of Ontario county, was informed and went to the scene from Canandaigua. After an investigation he ordered the bodies taken to the E. R. Case undertaking rooms at Victor.

Why the autoists did not see the approaching train is a mystery to persons living in the vicinity, as the crossing is not obscured.

Mr. Smith was a prominent figure in legal and political circles in Rochester. He had an office at No. 70 Wilder building. He has been actively identified with the Democratic party. He leaves a son, Franklin H. Smith. Mrs. Smith is a sister of Hiram R. Wood, the attorney.

Mr. Norris was formerly an apple buyer, but for some time had owned the Arcade restaurant. He came here from New Orleans. He was accustomed to touring the country frequently in his car. At one time he lived at No. 48 Augustine street, where he became acquainted with the Smiths.

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Services for Four Killed by Lehigh Train.

Funeral services for the victims of the automobile accident near Victor on Monday night were held yesterday. The double service for Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Smith of No. 54 Augustine street, was held at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at the home. Rev. Dr. Arthur W. Grose, pastor of the First Universalist Church officiated and a Masonic quartette gave several selections. A number of the members of the Rochester Bar Association were present. A committee made up of George P. Decker, George A. Carnahan, Eugene Van Voorhis, James M. B. O'Grady and John Hopkins represented the association. Corinthian Temple Lodge, F. and A. M., of which Mr. Smith was a member, conducted at the services at the grave in Riverside cemetery. Herman [Donnenbach?], worshipful master of the lodge, was in charge of the ritual ceremony. The following members of the Rochester Bar acted as bearers for Mr. Smith: County Judge Stephens, James S. Havens, Heman W. Morris, John F. Brock, William B. Hale and George F. Slocum. The bearers for Mrs. Smith were: William G. Stuber, Morris D. Knapp, J. Elwood McKelvey, [Moreden?] D. Fox, Edward D. Putman and Arthur G. Moore.

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