

Trainman Killed in Yard Wreck

Caboose Is Telescoped by Gondola

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One trainman was killed and another injured early Monday in the Miami yards of the Pennsylvania Railroad at Third and Naghten Sts, near the Union Station, when the caboose in which they were riding was telescoped by a coal gondola.

Killed was Gordon A. Linley, 30, of 64 Stevens Av. He died a few minutes after the crash.

John Vice, 26, of 242 Buttles Av, riding with Linley suffered a crushed leg and shock and was taken to White Cross Hospital.

Firemen worked for more than two hours to extricate Mr. Vice, whose lower limbs were pinned in the wreckage of the wooden caboose.

A cut of 104 freight cars with an engine in front and two in the rear was headed north to Grogan Av yards about 5 a.m. when Carl St. John the engineer stopped the train to allow a produce freight to pass.

City firemen said the two engines in the rear, however, kept pushing and the train buckled, ramming a heavy metal coal car through the caboose and into the engines coal tender.

Linley and vice were trapped in the caboose but conductor Fred Stukey, 1431 Moler St. who was standing in the doorway jumped to the ground when he saw the crash impending. He was not hurt.

H.L. Budd, 1200 Markison Av, a fireman on freight just ready to leave the yards, was among dozens of railroaders who heard the crash. He called the emergency squad, then ran to the caboose and climbed to the cab.

Mr. Linley, he said, died before he could aid him but Mr. Budd forced back a wooden door that was pressing against Mr. Vice's chest and held it for more than 18 minutes until squadmen arrived. Mr. Budd formerly marshal of Reynoldsburg, has had extensive training in policed work and first aid.

Squadmen labored for more than two hours in the rain before they could free Mr. Vice and several minutes later brought down the body of Mr. Linley.

All freight traffic in the yard was tied up by the crash. John Ball, trainmaster, reported. He said the cut of cars was coming in from the Grandview yards to be transferred to the Grogan Av yards and then on to Sandusky when the mishap occurred.

Mr. Linley is survived by his wife, Marian Palmer-Linley, and three children, Robert, 8, Arlene, 5, and Kenneth, 3. His body was taken to the Wylie S. Shroyer Funeral Home, 1278 W. broad St, where services will be held at a time to be announced later.

He was a member of West Park Methodist Church, and the Moose Lodge. He was a well-known softball player.
