

STREET CAR HITS FIRE TRUCK LOAD OF SUFFRAGETTES, KILLING FIREMAN

Wheel Passes over Head of Charles Palmer,
Killing Him Instantly.

ROBERT HARRINGTON HURT

Four Women Passengers Escape Injury When
Truck Is Whirled Half Way Around.

TRUCK LITTLE DAMAGED

Dead Man 35 Years Old, and Leaves a
Widow and a Four-Year-Old Son.

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Charles Palmer, fireman at No. 7 engine house, Euclid avenue, was killed: Robert Harrington, fireman at the same engine house, was injured, and two men and four women, suffragettes on their way to decorate a float on the West Side, escaped death, narrowly Tuesday morning at 9:15, when one of the new fire trucks belonging to the Seagrave company was struck by west-bound cemetery car No. 521, as the car and truck were starting down the hill at the west end of the Broad street bridge.

STRUCK FROM REAR

The car struck the rear end of the truck, turning it around, and an instant later Palmer's skull was crushed beneath the wheels. He died instantly. All of the others were thrown from the motor. Robert Harrington had his head cut over the left eye. [Unreadable] Kidd, fireman of No. 10, escaped injuries, as did Oscar Langthorne, who is employed by the Seagrave company.

Mrs. Bertha Kohler, one of the four suffragists on their way to a barn on West Broad street, which they expected to decorate, was badly shaken up, but with her three companions, she escaped injury and left the scene at once. The authorities are trying to get the name of the other three women.

Blame for the accident has not been fixed. Chief Lauer and the street car men are investigating. According to some talk among the car men about the scene of the accident, the

car was late and plunged from the end of the bridge down grade in an effort to make up lost time.

TRUCK NOT DAMAGE

It just caught one of the back wheels and in an instant the big truck, a powerful machine, was thrown across the track. The truck was not much hurt. The car escaped serious injury.

R.S. Blakely, was the conductor in charge of the car. L.W. Herror, was his motorman.

Notification of his wife, a woman of exceedingly emotional nature, was a task nobody wished to undertake.

Relatives were on their way to tell Mrs. Palmer when she ran into the engine house where her husband had been stationed, screaming in anguish. Several men tried to quiet the woman, who in some way, had got the report of her husband's death. Mrs. Palmer is in a serious condition.

Palmer had been in the fire department since December, 1910. He was 35 years old and leaves, besides the widow, a son four years old. They lived at 1234 Cortland avenue.

Harrington, the man injured, was taken to the police station, and there given attention by Police Surgeon Pickering. His wound, a cut over the left eye, is not serious.

The machine to which the accident happened is a truck upon which will be mounted the mechanism to make it a part of the Columbus fire department. The firemen who were in the accident have been at the Seagrave company for some time learning to run the machines.