

Fatal Accident Near Luverne

Freight Conductor on the Great Northern Succumbs from Burns Sustained When His Clothing Caught Fire.

The railroad bridge near Luverne was the scene last Friday morning of an unusual and most deplorable accident, that resulted in the death of Colby C. Reynolds, a freight conductor on the Great Northern, whose home is at Minot.

The supply train of which Mr. Reynolds was conductor had stopped near the bridge to fill the gasoline tank at the pump station. The pump station is in the valley near the water but the tank is connected by a pipe with the level of the track above so that the gasoline can be drawn directly from the tank cars on the track. While doing this, in some inexplicable way the gas was forced back with such force as to thoroughly drench Mr. Reynolds and even some of the nearest cars, and it caught fire at once.

All haste was made to remove Mr. Reynold's clothing, but before it could be accomplished he was burned over practically his entire body. First aid was rendered by Dr. Wolverton. Then he was placed in the caboose of the train and rushed to the hospital at Fargo with all speed, but he died the same evening.

Four of the cars in the supply train were burned, but the rest of the train was uncoupled and brought to a place of safety.