

## Clinton M. DeNeale

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### **Life Crushed Out**

### **C.Y. DeNeal Instantly Killed By Accident**

### **Telegraph Operator Under Arrest, Charged With Causing Wreck -- He Enters a Denial**

A fatal accident occurred on the Pennsylvania railroad tracks near the Benning race track last night at eight minutes after 11 o'clock, the victim being C.Y. DeNeal, who was employed on the road as a brakeman. Conductor William J. Moore was seriously injured and was taken to Providence Hospital. The accident was caused by a Pullman car being pushed against the rear end of a "dead freight." It is alleged by the police that the operator in the Deanwood tower, Charles Nichols, threw engine 5040 upon the wrong siding. The operator was placed under arrest by Sergeant Russell and taken to the ninth precinct police station, to be held to appear at the inquest tomorrow.

Engine 5040, in charge of Engineer William H. Pearson, was being used to shift passenger coaches between the yard at Deanwood and the city. The engine went north on the track a few minutes before the accident occurred, and was returning with a heavy Pullman car when it went upon the wrong siding and crashed into a string of twenty or more freight cars. Conductor Moore and Brakeman DeNeal were riding on the end of the Pullman and did not realize their danger until it was too late to jump. Both men were caught and pinned beneath the cars.

Conductor Moore was released without much difficulty, but Brakeman DeNeal was wedged between the cars so tightly that there was no way of releasing him without the aid of the wreckers, who were at once summoned. It was ascertained that he had been instantly killed and attention was directed toward the saving of the conductor. The latter was placed upon an electric car and brought to the city. From the car he was removed to Providence Hospital. He sustained a broken leg, a fracture of his arm and other injuries. While his condition is serious, the surgeons believe he received no severe internal injuries. Moore is thirty years old and his home is at 100 Hechman street southeast.

### *Body Removed to Morgue*

The body of the dead brakeman was removed to the morgue, and it was found that his head and almost every bone in his body had been crushed. He was thirty-five years old and lived at 108 8th street northeast.

Sergeant Russell reached the scene of the accident in a short time and made an investigation. After conversing with several railroad employees he placed the operator under arrest and took him to the station. The latter denied that he was responsible for the accident. His home, it is stated, is at Odenton, Md. Traffic on the road was interrupted until the wreckers succeeded in getting the derailed cars back upon the tracks.

DeNeal is the man who was painfully injured in an altercation with another railroad employee at Benning several weeks ago. The two men had some words over the method of side-tracking some cars and DeNeal was struck over the head with a heavy piece of wood used in turning brake wheels.