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A SAD DEATH – William Straub Succumbed to Injuries Received in Accident – Survived Four Days – Which is Indeed Remarkable – A General Derangement of Intestines.

After four days of intense suffering from internal injuries resulting from the terrible crushing his body received between the big iron bumpers of two freight cars on the Erie Railroad last Thursday morning, William Straub breathed his last yesterday afternoon at 3:40 o'clock. It was a most pathetic scene at the Straub home when the end came. The mother who has depended upon this boy almost entirely for her support is inconsolable. William was an industrious young man, and at the end of each week would give his earnings to his mother, with which she paid the rent and purchased eatables for the family. He worked steadily, and was regarded as a conscientious employee by the man for whom he worked and the sympathy of the community goes out to the mother who will sadly miss the boy who has guarded her interests so successfully.

Since the accident it was generally thought by the people who heard of the circumstances that the boy could survive but a short time. It was only due to his wonderfully strong constitution that the spark of life has not expired sooner. He engaged in a battle for life but the grim reaper was the victor. Yesterday afternoon when the news of the boy's death percolated through the streets of the city, the people expressed profound sorrow, as well as surprise that death has resulted so soon, it having been given out yesterday morning that he was doing as well as was expected. Occlusion of the bowels, internal inflammation and a general derangement of the intestines, kidneys and stomach brought about inevitable death.

The deceased was past twenty years of age. Information has reached us to the effect that a damage suit will result, as a consequence of the death of the boy, the Erie Railroad company to be the defendant, and the boy's mother the plaintiff, but as to the exact course to be taken, we are at this time, unable to state. The funeral services will be held from the Mission Hall tomorrow afternoon. Interment to be made at the Reynolds cemetery.

[NOTE: Straub, William Henry, 27 Feb. 1888 – 27 July 1908, 20y 4m 29d, son of Daniel & Sarah J. (Haley) Straub]