

CAR HITS BUGGY, KILLS TELEPHONE GIRL, BRUISES 2

Collision at North Broadway and Luther Avenue Fatal to Miss Helen Kent, Going From One Summer Garden to Another.

BODY IS LEFT IN STREET HALF HOUR

John Newdecker and Mrs. Nellie Dalton, Young Women's Companions, Hurlled to Pavement—Motorman's View Blocked.

Driving in a buggy with friends from one North St. Louis summer garden to another, Miss Helen Kent, of 1347 North Garrison avenue, a telephone operator, was instantly killed at 10 o'clock last night, when a Broadway car struck the buggy at Luther avenue. Her companions, Mrs. Nellie Dalton of 352 North Twenty-third street, and John Newdecker of 129 North Third street, were flung into the street, but escaped with bruises.

The motorman of the car, L. E. Cole, of 88 Salisbury street, and the conductor, E. C. Freda of 529 North Ninth street, were arrested and held at the Anglica Street Police Station pending an investigation to fix responsibility for the tragedy.

Cole said the buggy was being driven in the northbound tracks and that he did not see it until a moment before the car crashed into it from the rear because a wagon between them drew out of the track just at the moment. His own headlight, he said, was lighted, but he did not believe there was a rear light on the buggy.

The impact of the car demolished the buggy and hurled its occupants into the street. Miss Kent, who was sitting at Newdecker's right side, was thrown on her head, and her skull was crushed. Her companions, falling on their arms and sides, were severely shaken, but were able to go home in a taxicab. Miss Kent's body was taken to the morgue.

Miss Kent and her friends had spent an hour at Linn's Grove, 629 North Broadway, and were driving to Fisher's Grove, at 650 North Broadway. She was 26 years old, and lived with her brother, Maurice Kent, at the Garrison avenue address.

Owing to the distance from a dispensary, the body lay in the street for half an hour before an ambulance reached the scene, and a large crowd gathered. Newdecker and Mrs. Dalton remained with the body until the arrival of Mounted Patrolman Lee.

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