



Picture No. 1 offers a view of the first engine on Train No. 10 as it lies overturned in the ditch. Picture No. 2 is the view of the top of the same engine.

In picture No. 3 the "V" sign indicates the position of the wrecked double header engines and the sign "X" marks the bottom of the snow plow overturned and in the ditch.

Picture No. 4. "X" is found over the baggage car and the "O" again marks the bottom of the snow plow. The "V" points out the double header engines.

In view No. 5 the "X" marks the place under the tender where Harry Dahlien was thrown and from which he made his miraculous escape. The "O" indicates the top of the cab of the snow plow locomotive under which the body of Hollis McDonald was found. The "V" marks the debris of the snow plow.

The "X" mark found in the foreground of picture No. 6, between the rails, is practically the spot where Train No. 10 and the snow plow met in that terrific crash. The "V" points out the first engine on No. 10 and the "O" the remnants of the snow plow.

TERRIBLE WRECK ON GREAT NORTHERN

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Not Injured

Rasmussen's escape from injury or even death on the plow itself was even more astounding in its nature than the experience of Mr. McCabe. The snow plow was hurled to one side and Rasmussen with it.

Died at Throttle

Hollis G. McDonald died at the throttle. He had no time to make his way to the door of the cab in a position of jumping for safety. The sight of No. 10 approaching within a few yards was but a few seconds before the crash. McDonald was crushed at his seat in the cab and was found in that mass of steel and debris.

Remarkable Escape

Harry Dahlien after the signal to stop had been received in the cab, glanced thru the cab window, saw No. 10 close at hand and made a leap out thru the door. His arm caught in part of the door metal work, was fractured and the forearm shattered and then was thrown underneath the overturned tender of his own engine. Snow piled high, concealed him. Finally escaping steam reached him scalding him on the legs but on the other hand proving to be his salvation. The steam melted the snow and provided an opening thru which Harry crawled to safety. Charles Rasmussen was the first to meet him but did not recognize him until Harry had introduced himself. Black and torn he was hard to identify at the time. Harry was taken to a sleeper of No. 10 for first aid treatment.

Four Die On No. 10

The two engineers, R. A. MacDonald and Hugh Johnson, and their firemen, Geo. Pelton and Norman McLeod, suffered death under the overturned engines. Some difficulty was found in locating Johnson and McLeod. George Pelton emerged from the wreck to the astonishment of those near the scene. He was fatally injured but walked to some of those near by, conversed with them and then was taken to the sleeper. He died on his way to Willmar. His heroism has been often praised.

A Painful Hike

Arthur Larson, L. E. Barnes and George Sanderson, the latter two crippled, left the wreck at 5:25 o'clock and made a painful and strenuous hike to Delano, arriving there at 6:45 o'clock. Here they were picked up

by the relief train from Minneapolis which arrived at between 9:30 and 10 o'clock. The relief train was made up of empty coaches to take care of the passengers on No. 10 and also a wrecking crew and equipment.

Willmar Doctors Called

Following the wreck a call was received at the Willmar Clinic for Dr. B. J. Branton and P. C. Davison, the former of the two being a company surgeon. This arrived at 5:30 o'clock. Physicians at Waverly also were called.

Left From Roundhouse

The Willmar physicians soon had their surgical and first aid equipment in readiness and drove to the roundhouse. Here the wrecking crew of six men under the supervision of N. A. Jensen set out of the yards for the scene of the wreck at 5:55 o'clock. On the wrecker were also Supt. Frogner and Messrs. Gates and Haslett.

Branton Takes Charge

Dr. B. J. Branton upon arriving at the scene of the wreck at 8:30 o'clock immediately took charge of the relief and first aid work assisted by Dr. P. C. Davison and a physician from Waverly who had driven over the snow drifted roads and had arrived quite soon after the accident. All injured were taken into the sleepers and given first aid care. Attempts were also made to rescue if possible those pinned under the wrecked engines. The work accomplished by these physicians surely is worthy of much commendation.

At 2:30 A. M. on Friday the Willmar relief train began its return trip. Three engines drew a train of twenty cars emptied by those who were transferred from No. 10 and No. 2 to the Minneapolis relief train. These empty cars were taken to Willmar arriving at 4:15 a. m.

Injured Recovering

The three injured men, Dahlien, Barnes and Sanderson were immediately taken to the Willmar Hospital, where they are now recovering from their fractures. The men have been the recipients of many friendly calls and flowers in large numbers sent to their bedsides. Harry Dahlien's left forearm is in a serious condition but it is hoped that it will be restored to a healthy condition again.

The passengers on No. 10 were indeed fortunate. It has been reported that all injuries claimed are minor among the passengers. These were taken to Minneapolis.

Recalls Horror of 1882

The tragedy on Thursday afternoon shortly after five o'clock was the greatest railroad disaster locally since the year 1882 when thirteen men, employed on a gravel job were rushed to death on a gravel train driven by an irate engineer. The work train on this occasion traveling at a terrific rate ran off the track between Atwater and Kandiyohi, hurling the laborers into the ditch and costing the lives of thirteen of them.

This Terrible Event Occurred on Midsummer's Day, June 24th, 1882.

Forty-five of the gravel pit workers were seated on flat cars at the time of the accident.

Tribune Issues Extra

The Willmar Tribune on Friday afternoon at six o'clock published a front page edition on the railroad tragedy which occurred last Thursday afternoon and in which perished five lives. This special edition was sold in the city, newsboys disposing of almost a thousand copies. This edition we have been told by many acquainted with the exact details of the wreck contained practically the entire story. Since that extra was run off on our Duplex additional news material regarding the tragedy has come into our office. This has been secured thru conversations with those involved in the catastrophe.

SERVICES HELD AT WILLMAR FOR THREE VICTIMS OF THURSDAY'S WRECK

HOLLIS McDONALD

In the passing of Hollis G. McDonald a worthy citizen has gone. He enjoyed the days of his youth on a farm near Vesta and received a common school education. Norman was a seasoned farmer at the age of 24 years when he decided to go into the railroad work for the Great Northern Railway Company on the Willmar Division. He immediately became fireman and since that time has worked in that position. It is said that he could be fully relied upon in his work and was one of the most capable firemen on the Division. Among his comrades and fellow workmen he was well liked.

NORMAN McLEOD

Norman McLeod was born on July 13, 1891, at Vesta in this state. He enjoyed the days of his youth on a farm near Vesta and received a common school education. Norman was a seasoned farmer at the age of 24 years when he decided to go into the railroad work for the Great Northern Railway Company on the Willmar Division. He immediately became fireman and since that time has worked in that position. It is said that he could be fully relied upon in his work and was one of the most capable firemen on the Division. Among his comrades and fellow workmen he was well liked.

Hollis George McDonald was born on June 3, 1876, at Summerside, Prince Edward Island, Canada. As a boy he came with his parents to Willmar and had practically made this city his home since that time. Here he received an education in the public schools of the city.

In 1901 he wedded Mae Eckhart McDonald and went to live at Breckenridge for a period of five years. To this union were born the following children—Everett, Jewell, Quentin, George and Kathlyn. The parents of the departed have gone before. He has three brothers, Leslie of Eveleth, Minnesota, Charles of Virginia, Minn., and Herbert of Oshkosh, Wis. Other relatives are the mother and sister of Mrs. Hollis McDonald, Mrs. Eckhart and Mrs. R. Rasmussen. Also M. H. Matloy of St. Paul.

The public funeral was held Tuesday afternoon at the Presbyterian



Norman McLeod

ed. This has been evidenced by the gift which his friends have made to the grief stricken wife. He wedded Clara Holland on March 19, 1919, at St. Paul, Minnesota.

Norman McLeod is closely survived by his wife, Clara Holland McLeod, and one child, Edward Neil McLeod, born Feb. 24, 1920, and now two years of age. Also his mother, Mrs. Sarah McLeod of Granite Falls, one sister, Mrs. Irma Riccius of Garrett, Indiana, and a brother Neil D. McLeod, of Echo, Minnesota. The bereaved have the deepest sympathy in this sudden and awful hour of sorrow. Other relatives of Norman McLeod are two cousins, J. P. and J. W. Riley of Granite Falls. Norman's father passed away some years ago.

The funeral was held on Sunday at the First Methodist church in this city. Rev. Luther Benson being the officiating clergyman. Floral tributes were profuse. These included flowers from the B. of L. F. & E. B. of L. E., Ladies Society of B. of L. F. & E. B., Alexander Roulston of Atwater, an intimate friend of the late Hollis McDonald and his parents, also spoke earnestly about the departed and his earthly life. The choir of the church rendered three choral hymns beautifully.

Interment was made in Fairview cemetery. Six railway veterans acted as the active pall bearers and bore the respected remains to their tomb of soil and sod. These were J. A. English, L. E. Wetherby, Paul Overgaard, Harry Pierce, R. T. Johnson and August Swanson.

The elders of the Presbyterian church served as honorary pall bearers. These were: C. H. Sherwood, Charles Oberg, Dr. J. C. Jacobs, Chas. Eddy, George Otterness, C. A. Bangson, J. H. Martin and F. G. Handy. The late Hollis McDonald was superintendent of the Sunday School for many years and in that capacity showed ability. He was beloved by all the children of the Sunday school. He was also one of the elders.

Echo where it was met by two cousins, J. P. and J. W. Riley of Granite Falls. The sorrowing wife of the departed was not able physically to journey to Vesta. The funeral at that place occurred at three o'clock yesterday.

Relatives of Mrs. Norman McLeod who were present from a distance were, a sister, Amanda M. Holland of Montgomery, and a brother, Edward Holland of Browns Valley. A brother-in-law of Mrs. McLeod, W. H. Baker, of Graceville, and a cousin, Mrs. W. Brown, of St. Paul, were also in attendance at the funeral rites.

Miss Marion VanTassel of Browns Valley and Mr. and Mrs. Earl Martin of Spicer also attended the funeral rites.

GEORGE PELTON

The rites over the remains of George Pelton which arrived on the noon train from Minneapolis on Monday, were held that afternoon at the Presbyterian church. Rev. J. R. McCullough officiated at the services. Arriving with the casket of the wreck victim were a mass of flowers which together made a virtual garden about the casket. The choir of the church rendered three songs. After the church services the remains were placed in a vault at Fairview cemetery where members of the railroad fraternity of firemen held their special ceremony over the body of their comrade.

George Pelton was born at Sherman, S. D., on October 25, 1892. His parents are Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Pelton. At the age of four years George with his parents moved to Willmar. This city was the home of the family until some eighteen months ago when the family moved to Minneapolis. George however spent a great deal of his time in Willmar with his friends and made Willmar his home between railroad runs.

He secured a grade education and at the age of about 14 years went into the railroad work. When the war broke out he enlisted during the early part of the conflict and was stationed at Pensacola, Florida. After several months there he was transferred to Miami, Florida, and there he secured his discharge. He returned after his discharge to his railroad position as fireman. His complete career on the railroad covers a period of some 17 years.

Besides his grief stricken parents, George Pelton is survived by one brother, Allen, two married sisters, Mrs. Falkner and Mrs. Noland, all of Minneapolis. These were all present at the funeral. Messrs. Falkner and Noland were also in attendance at the funeral.

Those who acted as pall bearers were: Gust and Peter Newberg, Tugie Mattson, Robert LeSage and Thorwald Nelson and R. T. Johnson. These are all firemen.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—Matt Kallevig made a business trip to Kerkhoven today.

—J. A. Lindquist made a business trip to Kerkhoven today.

—Dr. H. F. Porter, Dentist, Carlson Block.

—Evelyn Kroona visited with her friends at Kandiyohi over Sunday.

—Alfred Applewick visited with friends in New London over Sunday.

—Have your watch repaired at Olive Bros., 315 Third St.

—Mrs. Ed Carlin left today for Litchfield to visit relatives for a time.

—Vulcan Films, no better made. We have all sizes. Olive Bros., Willmar.

—Mr. and Mrs. Sophus Larsen are reported on the sick list with influenza.

—Mrs. Harvey Parkins left today for Kandiyohi to visit for the afternoon.

COMMERCIAL CLUB BANQUET

Annual Feed Well Attended. Was Made Rally for Armory Cause

The annual banquet of the Willmar Commercial Club was largely attended. The joy of the occasion was dampened by the terrible news of the railroad disaster at Delano, the news of which spread among the guests. Neither of the advertised speakers were able to be present owing to the snow blockade. The music was enjoyed by all and the splendid feed reflected credit upon the ladies who served it. A rapid-fire talker, a substitute speaker who was introduced as a Christian Endeavor Field Secretary, who spoke on "Americanization" told a funny story about two Jews who had donned soldiers uniforms infested with "cooties," boosted an armory as a good thing for young boys, defended the 18th amendment and ridiculed Darwinism. Attorneys H. G. Young and T. O. Gilbert and others spoke on the armory project and an expression in favor of the same was taken by a rising vote. President Hildar Hoaglund presided at the banquet.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

—For taxi day and night call 400. tf

—C. H. Lundgren of Raymond visited with his parents over Sunday in Atwater.

—Frank Danielson of Atwater was a business caller in this city between trains today.

—Lid Wants To See You. tf

—M. C. Lewis left on Saturday for Chicago at which place he will visit for a few days.

—Mrs. A. P. Hahn returned Monday from Minneapolis after a weeks visit with her mother.

—Mrs. Carl Peterson left on Friday for St. Paul to attend the funeral of her brother, Milton Heeden, who was injured while coasting and afterwards passed away at his home there.

—Maynard Hanson returned to Moorhead on Friday after a weeks visit with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Soren Larson in this city. Maynard is employed at the Hanson Clothing store at that place.

—Dr. C. E. Gerretson, Dentist, Lewis Block. tf

—Miss Cecelia Olson returned to Atwater on Friday to assume her duties at the First National Bank at that place after a visit with her parents in this city over Wednesday as that was a holiday for bankers.

—Leonard Johnson returned to this city on Thursday after attending a clothiers' convention in Minneapolis, and also visiting with his sister and her husband. Mr. and Mrs. John Nelson at Minneapolis.

—Massage is a sure help for rheumatism. See Dr. G. D. Forsell, Ruble Block. 7-4t

—Dr. G. Rast and daughters of Litchfield attended the Messiah concert Tuesday evening. Dr. Rast was entertained at the home of Rev. and Mrs. Jesper Holmquist and the Misses Rast at the home of Mrs. D. Elmquist.

—Miss Anna Lundgren, Howard Reamer, Miss Dora Moline, Harold Lindell, Miss Hannah Nelson, Joel Nelson and George E. Johnson of Atwater attended the Messiah here on Tuesday evening and returned to their homes today.

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—Rev. Alex. Roulston of Atwater came to this city and attended the funeral of the late Hollis McDonald on Tuesday afternoon and he also attended the Messiah that was given in the evening. He returned to Atwater on Wednesday.

TWO TRAINMEN WHO WERE INJURED IN WRECK



George Sanderson



L. E. Barnes

Both Recovering From Injuries at the Willmar Hospital

SOLE SURVIVOR OF ENGINE CREWS



Harry Dahlien

Who Saved His Life by Quick Jump From Snow Plow Engine, Sustained Crushed Arm. Recovering at the Willmar Hospital.

—Martin Larson who has been working in Lake Lillian for some time received a telegram this morning from his parents at Niobe telling him to come home as his brother is very low with pneumonia. Martin will leave for Niobe on the early train in the morning.