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HAD RIGHT LEG CUT CLEAN OFF

Owen Ferry, of No. 710 Brick street, met with an accident at the Allentown rolling mills, at the foot of Gordon street, yesterday afternoon, in which he had his right leg cut off. Ferry was working in the stock house, and when an engine was backing two cars, which stood on a trestle in the house, the brakeman noticed that the timbers of the trestle were cracking and warned the men working below of the danger. Ferry, in attempting to get out of danger, ran right in the way of the car, which went through the framework and cut off the leg below the knee as cleanly as if it had been done with a knife.

Drs. P. L. Reichard, C. D. Schaeffer, E. A. Gerhart, W. P. and E. M. Kistler were called, and after Ferry's injuries were dressed he was sent to St. Luke's Hospital. The accident was caused by the spreading of the rails, which caused the cars to rest on the woodwork. Ferry is about 50 years of age and has a family.

Shortly after the accident occurred the attendants at the Allentown Hospital were telephoned to get in readiness to receive the injured man. The surgeons were hurriedly summoned to the hospital and in a short time every preparation was made to treat the case. Those in charge of the works at the time did not, however, feel that they had the authority to order the man's removal to the Allentown Hospital and accordingly sent him to St. Luke's Hospital. He was taken to the Lehigh Valley depot in the ambulance and taken by train to that institution.