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Westfield

Twisted in Wheel Spokes

Granville Man Badly Injured

Thomas Jensen Makes Heroic Attempt to Save Woman in Runaway and is Himself Seriously Hurt

There was a sensational and serious runaway accident on Park Square yesterday just before noon in which Thomas Jensen of Granville was seriously injured while making a heroic effort to stop a horse that was running away with a woman and two girls. For his bravery and willingness to expose himself to the danger involved he received the commendation of all who witnessed the distressing scene, and it is felt that such an act is really deserving of recognition by the Carnegie hero fund commission. Jensen's right leg was frightfully twisted and torn as he fell into the spokes of the wagon and was carried around the wheel four or five times.

A woman named Mrs. Joseph Meliska who lives near the Southwick line on a farm, was near the American Whip factory on Main Street when the horse started. A holdback broke and the horse ran into Park Square. It was in front of the Park Square Hotel that Mr. Jensen ran out and caught the rear end of the buggy. He climbed to the rear axle and attempted to control the horse by taking the lines from the woman. He was meeting with some degree of success when the wagon crashed against the curbing at the foot of Court street. Mr. Jensen lost his footing, and his right leg went through the spokes. He was whirled around several times by the time several men had caught and held the horse. Mr. Jensen was wedged in between the wheel and the wagon. He was in a dazed condition and was bleeding profusely from a wound below the knee. A strap was placed about the leg above the knee to stop the flow of blood, and Dr. R. D. Hildreth ordered the man taken at once in the ambulance to Noble Hospital.

It was found that the knee was dislocated and that the muscles and vessels above the knee were frightfully torn and bruised. The flow of blood from the gash below the knee was found to come from the injuries above the knee. Yesterday afternoon there was great difficulty in getting circulation established in the leg and there was fear expressed that amputation would be necessary. Dr Hildreth stated that Mr. Jensen was also suffering from shock and his condition was serious. He is a heavy man and he was whirled around the carriage wheel with tremendous force. Mr. Jensen is unmarried. He lives in Granville with his father and mother and a brother, and has for some time been running an automobile between Granville and Westfield carrying passengers.