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The Fatal Accident at Marengo

Mr. A. E. Miller returned last Monday evening from Ashland, Wi., where he had been the legal representative of the DSS&A at the inquest into the death of the man who was killed by passenger train No. 4 on the night of September 8th. The circumstances of the fatal accident were narrated in the Mining Journal shortly after the occurrence.

At Marengo and other places in the vicinity, there was considerable feeling against the trainmen of the DSS&A passenger train, the people seeming to think that the engineer culpable. The evidence, however, developed the fact that Mr. Hood, the engineer, and his fireman, as well as another gentleman who was on the engine, were keeping a careful lookout, but a fog was prevailing and as the man was lying down, he could not readily be seen. Others claimed foul play, claiming that companions had put him onto the track, having previously killed him, or intended that the train should do the horrible business. But there was no evidence of robbery and the man was not known to have an enemy. The coroner's jury found that the man's death resulted from being accidentally struck by the train, and they attached no blame on any one.

The dead man was Charles Reardon. He lived at Marengo and leaves a wife and several children. He had been drinking some liquor the previous evening and probably lay down upon the track in a drunken stupor.