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Con Curran Is

Injured in Blast

2/12/31

Dynamite Explosion Sunday Seriously Burns Face of Veteran Woodsman

Con Curran, this city, foreman at one of Jim Peterson's camps north-west of Rib Lake, was seriously injured Sunday morning while blasting a stump. The stump in question was so situated that it interfered somewhat with logging operations and Mr. Curran set out alone, during the morning, to remove the stump.

After placing a charge of dynamite under the stump, he lit the fuse but due to moisture it failed to set off the charge so he cut the fuse and relit it several times more with the same result. Finally, as he approached the stump to re-light it again after about five unsuccessful attempts, the explosion occurred.

Mr. Curran was blinded by the accident to such an extent that he had great difficulty in reaching a place where aid could be summoned. He stumbled and groped around in the woods until the middle of the afternoon before he finally reached the railroad right of way which he followed until he came to the camp of a neighboring logger. Mr. Peterson was immediately notified of the accident and he brought Mr. Curran to the Medford clinic where he remained until Monday morning when he was removed to St. Joseph's hospital at Marshfield.

The more severe injuries consist of severe powder burns over the entire upper part of his face with a possible injury to his eyes. At the present time he appears to be recovering satisfactorily and it seems probable his eyesight will not be impaired to any great extent.

Joseph Hartmann, who left here Monday with Mr. Curran to drive him to Marshfield, met with a minor automobile accident near Spencer. As he approached a team and wagon he put on his brakes to slow down before passing. However, due to the slippery condition of the roads, the car failed to reduce its speed and as a consequence he collided with the rear end of the vehicle. The front part of Hartmann's car was badly damaged though none of the occupants were injured.

Lowell Hirsch, this city, was nearby when the collision occurred and he drove Mr. Curran the balance of the distance to Marshfield.

Bernard Curran, who is employed at the Grand View hotel at Phillips, was at St. Joseph's hospital Wednesday to see his father and he reports that his condition is favorable.

Mr. Curran is 60 years old and has been connected with the lumbering industry in this vicinity for the past 45 years.

4/23/31 - (Interwald)

ALOIS Seidel went back to work in Natzke's camp.

PETERSON CAMP IS BURGLARIZED

Thieves Take Clothing, Etc. Valued at Between \$125 and \$150 from Canteen Early Yesterday Morning

The stolen articles are listed as follows: 12 suits underwear, 8 wool shirts, 6 suits 50% woolen underwear, 16 pair leather mitts, one dozen pair canvas gloves, 3 cartons cigars, 2 cartons tobacco, 5 pair woolen pants, 2 woolen jumpers, 3 pair overalls, 10 pair woolen socks, one red and black camp blanket, 2 slabs of bacon, 10 lbs. each.

Charles Peterson Dies at Rib Lake Home Friday

Charles R. Peterson passed away at his home in Rib Lake Friday, after an illness lasting three years. Funeral services took place Sunday at 1:30 o'clock at the Lutheran church, preceded by short services at the home. Rev. Hammholz officiated. Burial took place at Tomahawk.

Mr. Peterson was a native of Sweden, having been born there December 29, 1877. At the age of seven he came to this country with his parents, who settled in Ogema and look up a homestead in the town of Spirit. He was married June 15, 1909, to Miss Minn Krueger of the town of Spirit. In 1919 he moved his family to Rib Lake.

Mr. Peterson was camp foreman for the Rib Lake Lumber company for over twenty years and at times had from 125 to 150 men working under him. His health began to fail in 1927 and he spent five weeks in the hospital at Rochester, Minnesota, and was also a patient in the hospitals at Wausau and Marshfield. He was 53 years, 3 months and 19 days of age at the time of his death. He leaves to mourn his passing his wife; three children, Kenneth, Charles and Harold; three brothers, Ole, Ed and Oscar; and three sisters, Mrs. Nels Nelson, Mrs. Dodge, and Mrs. Glen Kohler.

9/24/31 - The mill of the Rib Lake Lumber Co., in Rib Lake, started up Monday after having been shut down for some weeks. The mill plans to run 4 days a week, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, & Friday.

10/15/31 - The mill of the Rib Lake Lumber Co. shut down today for a couple of weeks. Quite a few men are cutting firewood out in the Rib Lake Lumber Company woods.

11/4/31 - The mill of the Rib Lake Lumber Co. started up again Monday and will run 4 days a week. Everyone is glad to get in the 4 days work.

11/19/31 -

The Rib Lake Lumber Company has asked for a hearing on the assessment of back taxes under the income tax law.

This assessment is the \$27,660.82 taxes which auditors for the Wisconsin Tax Commission claim is due the state of Wisconsin, the county of Taylor, and the village of Rib Lake on income received by the company for the years 1925 to 1929. The year 1925 is the year in which the Rib Lake company started operating as a Delaware corporation instead of a Wisconsin corporation.

Interest of around \$2400 would bring the total to about \$30,000 according to the figures supplied in September by Assemblyman John Ganper and by Edward L. Kelley, who was chairman of the Wisconsin Tax Commission at that time. Mr. Kelley was succeeded as chairman by W. J. Conway at a recent meeting of the commission but he remains a member of of the commission.

The hearing on the Rib Lake assessment will be held Friday, Nov. 27, at 10:00. The commission's letter on the subject is as follows:

Wisconsin Tax Commission Madison, Wis.

October 12, 1931 Mr. Fred Herrmann Clerk of Taylor County Medford, Wisconsin Dear Sir:

We are in receipt of your letter of October 5, in which you inquire when the income tax assessment of back taxes against the Rib Lake Lumber Company will be certified for collection.

You are advised that we have just recently received an appeal from this assessment and this company will have to be granted a hearing before the commission in this matter before the tax can be put on the tax roll. We intend to put this hearing on within the next three or four weeks in order that this item might be determined as quickly as possible.

Yours very truly, Wisconsin Tax Commission Income Tax Division, By H. B. Reyer, Chief Auditor

The hearing was originally set for November 9 but was postponed three weeks at the request of attorney for the lumber company.

RIB LAKE FIRM ASKS FOR HEARING

Wisconsin Tax Commission Will Hear Company's Side of Case Involving Back Income Taxes November 27

RLLC CLAIMS IT IS TAX EXEMPT AS A DELAWARE CORPORATION RPR

11/17/31 - (Interwald) Al Anderson went to camp for the Rib Lake Lumber Co., where he will cook for the rest of the winter.