

Kendallville Accident

Kendallville, Feb. 25.—The Twentieth Century Limited of the New York Central struck an automobile on the Riley street crossing here at 2:44 p. m. today, killing a child instantly and seriously injuring her grandfather.

The victim of the crash is Dorothy Lombard, 6, of 1115 Wells street, Fort Wayne. She was riding with her grandfather, Howard B. Lombard, 60, of the same address, who is in Lakeside hospital with serious injuries to his head, right shoulder and from gasoline burns.

Lombard, who is crippled but has been able to drive, was going south on Riley street. Apparently he drove directly into the path of the eastbound flyer, which caught the rear end of the machine and tore it to bits. The child was hurled into a yard and her neck broken. Lombard was thrown beside the wreckage of the car.

The child's grandmother and Mrs. Edna Jenkins of 615 Ewing street, Fort Wayne, were only two blocks away at the time of the accident. They did not know what had happened until notified by Coroner H. P. Shew, however.

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The Lombards moved to Fort Wayne last November. They had been canvassing this territory for the sale of a soap and had spent two days in Kendallville. Mrs. Lombard, Mrs. Jenkins and Robert Lombard, an uncle of the child, were canvassing while the elder Lombard was driving around the city

There was only one eye-witness to the crash, Henry Cash of this city, who said that the engine of the flyer hit the automobile. He said that he did not notice whether the flasher signals which protect the crossing were working, but it has been assumed that they were inasmuch as they were flashing as long as the train, which was stopped immediately, continued to stand on

the track.

Lombard was taken to the hospital and recovered consciousness long enough to tell where his wife was.

The child's mother lives at Springfield, O.

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