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Stoker Is Caught and Pinned
Against Wall.

Accident Occurs at Transformer Plant
of the Grand Rapids-Muskegon
Power Company.

Crushed beneath the weight of a big steam shovel laden with hundreds of pounds of coal which swung against him at the transformer plant of the Grand Rapids-Muskegon Power company on Straight street, Christian Wilmerink today received injuries about the chest which may prove fatal.
Wilmerink was employed as a stoker

and operated the hoisting machinery which controls the shovel. This is used in feeding coal to the furnaces of the plant. The ropes which control the shovel when it swings became tangled and the weight pushed Wilmerink violently against the brick wall of the side of the engine room. He gasped for breath a few times and then lapsed into unconsciousness. Fellow employes hastened to his assistance and when they saw his condition called the police ambulance.

An examination by physicians revealed the fact that Wilmerink had three splintered ribs and it is feared some of them have been driven into the pleural cavity. Wilmerink is sixty-four years of age and lives with his family at 48 Hogadone street. He has a chance for recovery, although his age is against him. The only injuries he sustained were about the chest and the right side.