

FALLING STEEL CRUSHES YOUTH

Abraham Cohen Killed and Mangled at Local Ship- yards.

Abraham Cohen, 19 years old, lost his life at the Superior ship yard at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. He was standing on the tank top of the new boat under construction, when without a moment's warning, the sling chain to the crane carrying 1,500 pounds of steel frames broke, allowing the whole load to fall like an avalanche a distance of 25 feet striking him on the head and crushing his body on top of the boat.

Seeing the falling plates strike Cohen, fellow employes rushed to his assistance and strong hands soon removed the heavy pieces of steel, but the assistance of a medical attendant, who was soon on the scene, was of no avail.

Cohen was heating rivets for the new boat at the time of the accident.

As to what caused the chain to break is not known by the officials at the yard. The crane had been in proper working order and no defects to any of its parts had been noticed by the men in charge. During the day the crane was kept busy carrying up steel from one side of the boat, where it was being put in shape and let down on the other side on which Cohen was employed. It was while at its height and being turned to cross the boat that the chain broke.

Cohen was a former employe at the yards, and yesterday was the first day he had worked in some time, he having been employed at other vocations about the town for several months. During the summer he had worked for Schmidt Bros., and hired out at the yard yesterday with the expectation of being kept in employment during the winter. Men at the yard say that Cohen was a good worker and always paid close attention to whatever he was assigned to. He was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Philip Cohen, 627 John avenue, with whom he resided. Undertaker Le Sage has taken charge of the remains.