

## WAS CRUSHED UNDER CARS

**John Perona, Italian Laborer,  
Meets Death at Minonk**

## DISREGARDED WARNING

**Was Working Under Coal Car When  
Another Car Was Switched  
Down Upon Him—Was  
60 Years Old.**

John Perona, an Italian section laborer, met a horrible death in Minonk Tuesday afternoon when he was caught under a coal car and his body was crushed into a ball. Most of the bones in his body were broken.

Perona was working at the Illinois Central coal chutes and was doing some repairing underneath a coal car. He was warned that another car was to be switched onto the track, but he disregarded the warning. A few moments later a car crashed against the one under which the man was working and the first car taking motion rolled Perona underneath until the life was crushed from him.

Deceased was about 60 years old and had been living alone and working on the section during the last three months. A brother, Peter Perona, is a saloonkeeper in Minonk. An inquest was held over the remains by Coroner Dr. W. C. Cotton of Benson.