

DROWNED ON THE DRIVE

Two River Drivers Go to Their Death!

In the Raging Waters of the Hudson!

A Chapter of Accidents of a Less Serious Nature

A BOY SERIOUSLY INJURED.

Russell Carpenter, a Veteran of Forty Seasons on the River, Loses His Life -- A Boy's Hand Terribly Mangled By a Buzz Saw--Other Casualties.

The first fatal accident on the Hudson river log drive that has happened in years occurred Tuesday morning at a place between "O. K. slip" and "P. K. slip," in the fourteenth township, about six miles above North River. While the McGinn drive, in charge of Frank Carroll, of North River, was passing the Harrison reefs, one mile above the Boreas river, Russell Carpenter, of this place, and Edward Rabiteau, of North River, attempted to cross the river in separate boats to start a jam of logs which had formed on the other side. The current was very swift and when about half way across Carpenter lost his oar and while endeavoring to recover it the boat was capsized. He retained his hold of the craft and clambered to a position on the upturned bottom where he rested on his hands and knees, sweeping down the river at a terrific pace. Rabiteau attempted to reach him but was unable to do so and lost control of his own boat, which followed rapidly in the wake of the other. Two gangs of men were stationed on jams at different points below them, and as Carpenter swept by the first they attempted to reach him with a pike-pole, but the effort was without avail. The boat was drifting toward the next gang and they essayed to reach him in the same way with a similar result. As he passed them he said, "I guess I am gone, boys," and a short distance below was seen to fall from the boat and disappear. He retained his presence of mind to the last and faced death without the quiver of a muscle. Rabiteau's boat filled with water and he sank, came to the surface once and endeavored to swim, but became exhausted and disappeared from sight. He was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and four small children. Carpenter was about 60 years of age and leaves a wife and four children.