

CRUSHED IN A CAR ACCIDENT

Serious Collision on San Mateo Electric Line Due to Negli- gence.

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**A Mission-Street Motorman Placed
Under Arrest and Charged
With Battery as a
Result.**

As the result of a collision yesterday between a San Mateo electric car and one of the Twenty-ninth-street line at the corner of Twenty-ninth street and San Jose avenue, two men were badly injured, one woman slightly and nearly a hundred were either bruised or badly scared.

Domenico Celli, who resides at 4½ Card place and has a macaroni factory at 711 Vallejo street, had both of his legs and his right arm broken. William F. Fitzgerald, a cement worker, residing at 309 Minna street, had his right leg broken. Mrs. Mary Bergevin of 35 Stanley place had her back and legs hurt.

The accident happened at 5:40 o'clock. Car 1004 of the Mission-street line was coming down Twenty-ninth street at its usual rate of speed. P. J. Amrock was the motorman and A. S. Cleveland conductor. The Twenty-ninth-street car has the right of way. At the same time car 30 of the San Mateo electric line was coming in from the cemeteries so crowded that people were hanging on all over the car. Conductor McNaley was in charge of the car, and had with him Motorman A. V. Shaw, a new man. Shaw either did not remember to stop at the crossing or did not hear the warning bell of the Twenty-ninth-street car. There being such a heavy load on his car he could not stop very quickly.

According to witnesses, Shaw kept going at full speed until he reached the corner, when he saw the Twenty-ninth-street car coming, too late to avoid a collision. The two cars came together almost at their front dashboards, the Twenty-ninth street car lapping over a foot or two, and running into the men standing on the crowded front steps of the other car. Celli and Fitzgerald were struck below the knees, their legs being crushed between the dashboard of the Twenty-ninth-street car and the steps of the San Mateo car.

Celli was also knocked against an iron stanchion, and it is believed that his arm was broken in this way. Although the car windows were broken and glass scattered for some distance the cars themselves were not much injured. The steps of the San Mateo car were bent.

Celli was picked up suffering great agony, and begged to be killed rather than that he should suffer any longer. He was taken to St. Luke's Hospital, where it was learned that he had suffered a compound fracture of both legs below the knee, and a compound fracture of the right arm. The surgeons would not state whether they believed his injuries might prove fatal, but they said that he would probably live at least three or four days and that he might recover from the shock. He is 41 years of age, and it may be a matter of constitution with him.

Fitzgerald was taken to the Railroad Hospital, where it was found that he had suffered a fracture of the tibia in the right leg, the bone protruding through the flesh. Fitzgerald was reported to be resting easily last evening.

Mrs. Mary Bergevin was sent home after recovering from the shock, and is not seriously injured.

As soon as the wounded were cared for Policeman James F. Dennon placed Motorman Amrock of the Mission-street car line under arrest, and charged him with battery, as his car had collided with the other. It may prove, however, that Motorman Shaw of the San Mateo electric line was to blame for the accident. Amrock claims that he is not to blame, and some credence is given to his story, as he had the right of way.

Amrock told Lieutenant of Police Price at the Seventeenth-street Station that he was coming down Twenty-ninth street as usual, and not at a high rate of speed. He has been a motorman for fifteen years. A building obstructs the view at the corner of Twenty-ninth street and San Jose avenue and he could not see the other car coming until they were very close together. He says that there were 175 persons on the San Mateo electric car, and that the car was coming along at a high rate of speed, without stopping or slowing down to see if the way was clear, as the rules of the road require. He says that had the San Mateo car gone just a little farther there would have been a much more terrible accident, as passengers were standing all over the steps. Had the Twenty-ninth street car struck the open side of the San Mateo electric line car quite a number of people must have been ground up, with much loss of life.