

# WARREN DELANO KILLED BY TRAIN AT BARRYTOWN

**His Favorite Horse, Frightened  
by Express, Dashed On Track,  
Carrying Him to Death.**

**BORNE 150 FEET BY ENGINE**

**Owned Stable of Horses**

**He Intended to Exhibit Animal He  
Was Driving at Dutchess County  
Fair Tomorrow.**

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While driving his favorite horse, which he was to have entered in the harness class of the Dutchess County Fair on Saturday, Warren Delano of Barrytown and New York City, President of the Delano Coal Company, was instantly killed late this afternoon when the horse, frightened by an approaching express on the New York Central at Barrytown station, dashed onto the tracks, carrying him to death.

Mr. Delano, who was an uncle of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Democratic Vice Presidential nominee, was well known in New York City, where his offices were located, and throughout Pennsylvania, where he was one of the biggest owners of coal mines. His summer home at Barrytown, known as "Steen Valetje," is one of the show places of the Hudson Valley.

Mr. Delano's greatest hobby was his blooded horses and he owned some of the finest animals in the State, saddle and driving horses and heavy draft horses. He had been appointed superintendent of the horse show at the Dutchess County Fair, which opened on Wednesday, and had been spending the day in the horse tent, where many of his horses won blue and red ribbons.

His employes at "Steen Valetje" were engaged at the horse tent and Mr. Delano decided to exercise one of his prize winners, Belle, by driving over to the Barrytown station to get a trunk for one of the many guests who had arrived for the fair and horse show.

**Delayed in Getting Trunk.**

Belle had never been driven to the station unless Mr. Delano was sure that no trains would pass while he was there, but he thought he could get the trunk and get away in a few minutes, long before the arrival of the next train, a fast express. Securing the trunk took more time than he had counted on, and while he was in the station he heard the train whistle. Knowing the horse was unmanageable, Mr. Delano went outside and got into the carriage. When Belle felt her owner's hands on the reins she became quieter and was apparently behaving well when the train, which was north-bound, came in sight.

Then with a plunge the horse raced around the station and onto the tracks. The train struck the buggy squarely in the middle and carried it 150 feet down the tracks, throwing it from the engine against the concrete base by the roadside. The horse was torn away from the wagon and was carried 1,000 feet further, where the train was finally stopped.

The horse had by that time been torn to pieces.

Onlookers rushed to where Mr. Delano had been thrown. Little remained of the buggy but the seat, but with the exception of a cut on the forehead, Mr. Delano was not mangled and was found still sitting in the demolished buggy. He was carried into the station where a doctor was summoned, who declared that death had been instantaneous, caused by a broken neck.

Train workers searched the tracks for parts of the carriage, but so terribly had been the crash that the woodwork was ground into small fragments and the wheels have not yet been found.

**Owned Many Draft Horses.**

Mr. Delano had sixty-five horses in his stables, which were his pride, and they included hunters, saddle mounts and harness horses to the finest breeds of Belgian and Percheron stallions and brood mares. He made a specialty of the breeding of Norwegian and Swedish horses. He was one of the officers of the Springbrook Driving Park Association and contended that the draft horse would never be supplanted by the automobile for short distance hauls, and believed that they should be bred for that purpose.

The accident was the second to occur during the two days of the fair, a driver having broken a leg on Wednesday. Plans for the horse show will no doubt be dropped, with the exception of those who have entries from a distance, for many of the horses to have been exhibited are owned by the Delanos' or their relatives. All of the Delano entries were immediately cancelled.

Mr. Delano is survived by his wife, who was Miss Jennie Walters of Baltimore, one son, Lyman Delano and four daughters, Mrs. Roland Redmond of New York and Barrytown; Miss Laura Delano, Mrs. F. B. Adams of Greenwich, Conn. and Mrs. Edzell of Cambridge, Mass. His sister is Mrs. James Roosevelt, mother of Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Mr. Delano was 65 years of age and was one of the active members of the Church of the Messiah, the little Episcopal church in Rhinebeck.

Miss Laura Delano is well known in New York society and is one of the closest friends of Mrs. Vincent Astor. Mrs. Roland Redmond, her sister, is also an intimate friend of Mrs. Astor, and at the fair last year drove in Mrs. Astor's place on the second day of the mule race, defeating Mrs. J. Griswold Webb, daughter of Colonel Archibald Rogers.

Mrs. Redmond and Miss Delano were to have driven in a similar race this year.

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