

A Transient Shot

By R.R. Detective

A transient laborer by the name of Joe Bagley, who in company with 25 or 30 others, was "beating a ride" on an eastbound freight train Saturday morning was shot and seriously wounded by a special Great Northern agent when the train stopped in Hannaford.

It seems that when the train pulled into the Hannaford yards the agent, whose name is J.N. Nolan discovered this crew on top of a car of lumber and ordered them off the train. This order was complied with and the majority of the men started towards the depot while several others, among them Bagley, did not move very fast, and Nolan with gun in hand became abusive and used threatening language which was resented by the men. A few words apparently were passed while they were passing the coal chute track and as they reached the ditch on the north side of the track Nolan fired at one man barely missing him. He then, it is alleged, wheeled around and fired at Bagley at short range, the bullet passing in thru his right side and out thru the left side, piercing his lungs, liver and possibly the stomach.

Nolan did not stop to make arrangements for caring for the man he had wounded but left on No. 199 for New Rockford where he was later taken into the custody of the police officers and held till Sunday when Sheriff Nelson, States Attorney Sad and Chief of Police Jones, brought him to the county jail at Coopers-town where he will be held pending the outcome of Bagley and until convicted or acquitted.

The charge to be lodged against him depends on whether or not Bagley recovers. Should Bagley die from the wounds received the charge against Nolan will be man-slaughter, while if he recovers the charge will likely be assault with intent to kill.

Assistance was extended Bagley by some of his pals and others who arrived on the scene, and he was brot to the waiting room in the N. P. depot where Dr. Benson rendered medical assistance, and on the 4:00 o'clock train he was taken to a Fargo hospital where his condition was unchanged Sunday morning.