

Creosote posed many dangers in turn-of-the-century Bloomington

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Hospital Dickason was suffering greatly from his injuries. In fact, the newspaper related, "Dickason suffers excruciating pains and does not hesitate to mention the fact before the physicians and nurses at the hospital. He has plenty of grounds for making known his feelings, however, when it is known that his ankle was broken in three places, his wrist in two places and his arm burned from the hand to the shoulder and his eyebrows scorched off." In an understatement, the newspaper added, "The

only wonder is that he escaped with his life."

As for the cause, the *Evening World* continued to speculate. "The cause of the explosion of the tank is yet an unsolved mystery. By some people it is believed that Dickason was either smoking or that he struck a match to ascertain how much yet remained in the holder. The top of the tank had been open all morning."

Whatever Dickason told his uncle was not reported in the newspaper, but it is likely that he was found something else to do for a living.