

**The Bacup Times August 11th 1906**

**MILL ACCIDENT**

A rather sad accident occurred at Holmes Mill, Bacup, on Saturday morning to a boy named Arthur Webster, who had only been employed as a doffer in the mill for about a week, is stated to have been wiping some oil off the floor about half-past six on the morning stated when the cloth which he was using was caught in the Throstle frame, dragging in his hand. The frame was stopped and immediate assistance was rendered, and on being released it was seen that the lads thumb and two fingers on the right hand were terribly mangled. He was taken to Dr Rigby's surgery, when the fingers and thumb were amputated. The boy is progressing as favourably as can be expected.

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**YOUTH CAUGHT IN REVOLVING SHAFT**

At 11-55 a.m. on Tuesday, a rather serious accident befell a youth named George William Gregory, a presser, aged 16 years of 13, Cedar Street, Bacup, while following his employment at Messrs. S.McLerie and Sons Grove Slipper Mill, Todmorden Road, Bacup. The young fellow was accidentally caught in the revolving shafting, and sustained a dislocated ankle and crushed foot. He was seen by Dr Brown who ordered his removal to Rochdale Infirmary. The injured youth was conveyed to that institution by Driver Bert Jones, accompanied by P.C.Ford.

**Bacup Times October 14th 1916**  
**BACUP GIRLS MISFORTUNE**  
**COMPENSATION SETTLEMENT FOR THE LOSS OF AN EYE**

The case of Mary Elizabeth Edwards of Pembroke Street, Bacup versus Joshua Hoyle and Sons Ltd India Mill, Bacup which came on for hearing at Rawtenstall on September 21st and was adjourned for further medical report, again came before His Honour Judge Sturges at Bacup County Court on Thursday. The agreement originally was for £100.00 but the Registrar had deemed it too little and referred it to the Judge for settlement.

Mr Hands, of Burnley, who appeared on behalf of the solicitors concerned said they left the matter entirely with His Honour. The original settlement was for £102.00 and £6.6s costs, and since then the girl had been paid £10.10s compensation.

A further medical report was before His Honour. The report showed that the accident had not produced, nor was likely to produce any effect on the condition of the left eye, which possessed the normal vision, and was healthy in every respect. After reading it fully, His Honour observed that £102.00 was not enough for one eye. He had, had a great many of those eye cases and he found there was some risk. He suggested £125.00. Ultimately a settlement was entered for £115.00 together with the £10.10s already paid.

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**GIRLS SAD MISADVENTURE AT WATERSIDE**

About half-past three on Monday afternoon, Linda Crawshaw, 14 years of age, of 10 York Street, Bacup, was following her employment in the box room at the Waterside Slipper Works, Bacup when she fell down the hoist a distance of 26ft. The hoist was fenced off on three sides by iron bars, which stand about one yard high and fixed iron uprights. The girl appears to have been leaning on the bars looking down the hoist when a bar came out and she fell forward down the hoist. Dr Brown was sent for, and on examination found the girl suffering from a fracture of the right thigh, fracture of the collar bone, and a fracture of the base of the skull. After dressing her injuries he ordered her removal to the Manchester Infirmary and she was conveyed there in the motor ambulance by P.C. Jackson, accompanied by the father of the girl and Mr J.P. Green manager at Waterside. On enquiry yesterday we were informed that the injured girl was progressing as favourably as could be expected.