

one of the oldest mercantile establishments of the city. Mrs. Klinge was their sister-in-law.

The party had been at Creve Coeur Lake, a resort twelve miles west of the city, earlier in the day, and were speeding homeward when killed. Theodore Witte was driving the machine, with his brother beside him.

The locomotive struck the automobile squarely. Mr. Witte and his brother were tossed forty feet away. The boy's body dropped from the front of the train an eighth of a mile down the track, and the women, caught in the tonneau, were crushed almost beyond recognition in the wreckage, which was carried a quarter of a mile beyond the scene of the accident, and was still on the engine pilot when the train stopped.

### LAURENT GROSSE DIES.

**Auto Driver, Injured in 24-Hour Race, Never Recovered Consciousness.**

Laurent Grosse, the driver of the Stearns car which collided with the Acme No. 2 in the twenty-four-hour automobile races at Brighton Beach on Friday night, died in the Kings County Hospital yesterday morning shortly before 10 o'clock as a result of the injuries he suffered in the accident. Louis Cole, his mechanic, was killed instantly when the cars collided.

The accident happened in front of the clubhouse in the presence of thousands of spectators, Grosse's machine turning twice over in the air after striking the Acme car. Grosse was removed to the Coney Island Reception Hospital, and Saturday morning was transferred to the Kings County Hospital.

Grosse's back was broken and he had internal injuries. An operation was performed on him in the hope of saving his life, but he never regained consciousness from the time of the accident until he died.

He was 27 years old, and lived at 14 West Sixty-fourth Street, Manhattan.

### FIVE KILLED IN AUTO.

**Machine, Carrying Family Party, Hit by Train Near St. Louis.**

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Aug. 29.—Five persons, four of them closely related, were killed to-day when an automobile in which they were riding was struck by a fast passenger train of the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railway west of Vigus Station, St. Louis County. All were residents of St. Louis.

The dead are Theodore E. Witte, 2,324 Whittemore Place; Theodore F. Witte, Jr., aged 3 years; Mrs. Carl Klinge, 1,714 Missouri Avenue; Miss Halcyon Campbell, 2,324 Whittemore Place, and Frederick O. Witte, 5,335 Vernon Avenue.

The two men were brothers and officials of the Witte Hardware Company.