

VIOLENT DEATHS MANY IN COUNTY

**Only One Murder Has Occurred
During Last Twelve Months.
Two Suicides.**

**BIGGEST TRAGEDY COST
LIVES OF SEVEN PERSONS**

**Fourteen Are Drowned, Seventeen
Killed by Trains, Three
Frozen to Death.**

During the year just closing there have been 63 coroner's cases in Douglas county, according to figures compiled by Coroner Downs, 47 of these being violent deaths, 14 deaths were due to heart disease and the other two were supposed to have been caused by exposure and starvation, as the bodies were found in the woods. Of these only two were not identified and were buried at the poor farm as "unknown."

One murder was committed in the 12 months, two suicides occurred, three were frozen to death, 14 were drowned, three were victims of accidental shooting, 17 were killed on the railroads, three received fatal injuries in a runaway accident, one by a live wire and one by a falling tree, while two were found dead in the woods and the remaining 14 succumbed to heart trouble.

Tragedy of Year.

The great tragedy of the year occurred on Aug. 13, when seven persons were drowned by falling off the pleasure launch Ida K in St. Louis bay as it was on its way to Fond du Lac. The victims of the accident were Mrs. Aaron Siegel, 1124 Hammond avenue, and her three children; Mrs. Louis Lasky, 1027 Hammond avenue; her daughter, Nettie, and Miss Clara Goldstein, Minneapolis. They were on the upper deck when the seat upon which they were sitting, owing to a sudden lurch of the boat, crashed through the railing and the occupants were thrown into the water. Several other passengers came near sharing their fate, but were rescued by the life-saving crew.

The only murder of the year took place on Sept. 19, when Axel Sjodin in a fit of jealous rage took the life of his wife, Martha, with whom he had not been living for some time, by striking her with a hammer and then cutting her throat, after which he committed suicide by shooting himself through the head.

Two Suicides In Year.

Besides Sjodin, there was the suicide of Marie Andrews, who walked into the American telegraph office on April 1, drew a revolver and shot herself. She died instantly.

Those frozen to death were Dennis Brady, who was found dead in his sleigh on Feb. 25; A. Green, found dead in South Superior on March 4, and August Lager, who also died in his sleigh on March 18.

Peter Madison was killed at the Pittsburgh ore docks, M. F. Smith at the Great Northern ore dock, and Louis Samuels at the Allouez dock.

The victims of accidental shooting were Charles Baker, the accident happening near Solon Springs; George Nagle, who was mistaken for a deer and shot while hunting near Dutchmen's creek, and Mrs. Ida Haskins, who was shot by her son when a gun he was examining was discharged.

Victim of Live Wire.

Miss Ethel Johnson was killed by coming in contact with a live electric wire on July 7; Otto Hakkala lost his life in a runaway accident at Maple, Wis., on July 30, while Gunnar Ekland was crushed under a falling tree near Hines on Nov. 29, and Nels Lamb died from injuries received from falling down the stairs at the Lake Superior mission.

One of the men not identified was killed by a train at the Central avenue crossing on July 4, and the other was taken out of the bay on Dec. 3.

Charles Hendrickson, who left his home in the East End on a hunting trip, and who disappeared mysteriously, was found dead in the woods near Wascott on Dec. 5. Mrs. Josephine Ostaszewska ran away from the Douglas county insane asylum on Oct. 2 and was found dead in the brush southeast of Superior on Dec. 13.

Most of the accidents on the railroads took place during the early part of the year when the weather was cold and the ground slippery.