

LAD NEAR DEATH; STRUCK BY AUTO

Jack Polinsky, 12, Drops From Wagon in Front of Jitney—Sustains Fractured Skull.

ACCIDENT DECLARED TO HAVE BEEN UNAVOIDABLE

Family Lost Belongings in Ohio Flood Two Years Ago, Says Father.

"Jack" Polinsky, age 12, is at the point of death at St. Luke's hospital as the result of being struck by a jitney bus yesterday while he was trying to catch a ride on a wagon.

He sustained a fractured skull and serious cuts about the head. He remained unconscious until late last night, and his condition was considered so critical by Police Surgeon Klein that the father, Sam Polinsky, 928 Fourth avenue East, remained by the bedside until this morning.

The driver of the jitney, John Andrews, 130 East Fifth street, declared that the accident was through no fault of his. He said he was running on Superior street between First and Lake avenues when "Jack" failed to catch a wagon and was in front of his car before he could slacken speed.

"Jack" is one of the five children of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Polinsky.

The family was in Ohio at the time of the Miami river flood two years ago. All the household goods and personal effects were destroyed, according to Polinsky.

The injured boy and two brothers have assisted the family. "Jack" is a star newsboy and has drawn many prizes for regularity in his work.