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FATAL ACCIDENT.

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As the Port Albert to Melbourne train was approaching Leongatha station about 4.15 p.m. on Wednesday, the engine driver observed a man sitting on the rails about 100 yards in front of the lookout. He appeared to be asleep as his elbows were upon his knees, and his head rested on his hands. The whistle was sounded and steam shut off, but the noise failed to arouse the man, and as the Westinghouse brake was not in use on the train it was impossible to stop it, and the unfortunate sleeper was fearfully mangled. The train was stopped and the body discovered with life in it, and Dr Carr

of Leongatha advised his removal to the Melbourne Hospital, but he died just before Dandenong was reached. Deceased was known in the district of Leongatha as Alfred Berry, and is a son of Mr Berry of Footscray. An inquest was held by Dr Neild at the Morgue on Thursday last, when a verdict was returned of death through being knocked down by a train. There being no evidence to show why he was sitting on the rail, the jury expressed no opinion as to his death being the result of suicidal intention or accident.