

DROWNS NEAR KELLOGG

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Robert Coffee Perishes When Auto
Rolls Off Embankment Into a
Small Ditch.

IS BURIED BENEATH THE AUTOMOBILE.

Mr. and Mrs. Frieze, the Other Oc-
cupants of the Car, are Also
Injured but Only Slightly.

Robert Coffee of near Kellogg, met
a tragic death by drowning in a lit-
tle ditch about two miles north of
Kellogg, Sunday morning.

He and his brother-in-law and sis-
ter, Mr. and Mrs. Frieze, were driv-
ing to see a relative southeast of
Kellogg and Mr. Coffee was in the
rear seat. The car came to a place
in the road where the embankment
was about ten feet high with water
in the ditch at the side of the road.
Mr. Coffee called Mr. Frieze's atten-
tion to the fact that the top was
loose from the windshield. Mr.
Frieze looked up, just as he was
turning out to avoid a mudhole, and
the car, instead of turning back in-
to the road, rolled down the em-
bankment.

Mr. Coffee was pinned beneath the
machine and the water dammed up
over his head, drowning him. Mr.
and Mrs. Frieze were also pinned be-
neath the car but were not caught in
the water. Mrs. Frieze sustained
three broken ribs but aside from
scratches and bruises her husband
was unhurt. They remained beneath
the car until passers by found them
and took them home. The body of
Mr. Coffee was taken to the under-
taking parlors at Kellogg and it was
discovered that he was not even
scratched, death being due solely to
drowning.

Mr. Coffee was about 42 years of
age and was the brother of Frank
Coffee, brother-in-law of W. J. Mor-
gart of this city.