

TWENTY-FOUR KILLED.

Fearful Railroad Wreck Near Lincoln, Neb.

PLUNGED FORTY FEET TO DEATH.

Cars Take Fire and Add to the Horror of the Scene—Undoubted Evidence That the Terrible Catastrophe Was the Work of Train Wreckers.

Lincoln, Neb., Aug. 11.—A wreck involving the loss of twenty-four lives occurred on the Chicago, Rock Island and Pacific railroad where it crosses on a high trestle the tracks of the Union Pacific and Burlington and Missouri River railroads Thursday night. All the indications point to train wreckers as the cause.

Train No. 8 is an accommodation called "Forth Worth Accommodation." It was about ten minutes late, and was making it up when it struck the trestle that crosses Salt Creek, about four miles from the city. When it struck the trestle the rails immediately spread, and the engine, drawing the two cars after, went tumbling along over the cross ties for about fifty feet, and then, with a crash, fell forty feet to the bed of the creek below.

The engine burst, and glowing coal spreading ignited the wooden supports and coaches behind it, and in a few moments the bridge, dry as tinder from its long exposure to the sun, was one mass of flames. The coals falling upon the coaches lying in the ditch set them afire, and five minutes after the first warning the entire mass of cars, with their load of human freight below, was a mass of flames.

The flames mounted high in the heavens, coloring the entire southern sky a brilliant red, and from below shrieks of agony and pain were heard to issue. Willing hands were there to help, but little could be done. The engine had fallen first, then the combination car of smoker and express coach fell, partially upon that, and the rear coach, falling behind it, telescoped that car, thus pinning those unfortunate who were in the smoker, so that it was impossible to save them or for them to escape.

It was nearly dark last evening before the frightful mass of debris occupying the ravine where the express was wrecked had cooled sufficiently to enable the big crowd gathered at the place to inspect the charred mass in detail. One of the most charred skulls or a partially buried human bone was raked from the bed of the furnace, but nothing that would lead to identification was found.

The list of killed and injured as furnished by the coroner swells the fatalities to twenty-four. The dead are: D. C. H. Pinney, Council Bluffs; J. D. Matthews, commercial man, Omaha; Harry Moore, Kansas City; Ike Depew, engineer, Council Bluffs; W. O. Hamble, lawyer, Fairbury, Neb.; C. D. Stannard, conductor, St. Joseph; John Minger, grain dealer, Omaha; H. R. Peters, merchant, Council Bluffs; F. H. Zernik, lawyer, Lincoln; Charles Unruh, mother and son, Jansen, Neb.; A. B. Edde, merchant, Pawnee, Neb.; M. Beaver, merchant, Pawnee, Neb.; Andrew Henson, a farmer; five unknown men; three unknown farmers. Those marked as unknown are those passengers known to have been on the train by brakeman Foote, and unaccounted for.

Injured—Colonel C. J. Bills, Second regiment, Nebraska National guards, Fairbury, deep flesh wound in left leg; Henry C. Foote, brakeman, Council Bluffs, leg broken; Jay McDowell, Fairbury, leg cut and face lacerated; C. H. Cherry, mail clerk, Kearney, badly bruised and cut; F. E. Scott, express messenger, injured internally; Mrs. Fish, wife of a Burlington and Missouri engineer, badly bruised; U. S. Bell, traveling man, Lincoln, internal injuries; J. E. Puetz, traveling man, Lincoln, internal injuries; a passenger named Somrott, hurt about the head; Mrs. Fritz and sister-in-law, Lincoln, bruised.

From the confused tangle of conflicting stories told by excited eye witnesses it has been definitely ascertained that only one man met his death in the flames, the others being crushed to death. One victim, whose name will never be known, lay under the tender, the upper edge of which lay across his thighs, crushing them into the gravel. As Colonel Hills approached he begged piteously to be released and saved from the flames. As Colonel Hills hesitated helplessly for a moment a gust of wind drove the flames and smoke upon him, blistering his face and scorching his clothes. Before he could recover himself the flames had wrapped themselves about the body and amid their terrified victim and stilled his screams.

There are two theories as to the wrecking of the train. One theory is that strikers from South Omaha did the work, believing that a company of state troops who were to have boarded the train at Fairbury were aboard. The company missed connection, however. This is not as generally credited as the other—that the element that has been causing so much trouble in Oklahoma, who are bitter against the Rock Island, did the job.

There is no question but that the disaster was the work of train wreckers. J. W. Glover, section man, said today he saw three well dressed men jump a freight and go west. He said that the men each carried a long, brand new satchel. This gives rise to a suspicion that it may have been some of the Round Pond, O. T., enemies of the Rock Island.

The marks of a crowbar on the cross ties were to be seen. The wooden ties were deeply dented where the crowbar had been inserted, and the rails lifted clear off the bed, and the spikes which had been pulled out were lying around loose on the bridge.

The police have arrested a colored man named George Davis, who is suspected to be connected with the wrecking. The police say they have evidence sufficient to convict. His motive is not known.

Both Duellists Killed. FREMONT, Cal., Aug. 11.—At Dinuba, across the Tulare county line, two ranchers named Ray and Norton quarreled over money matters. The quarrel ended in both pulling revolvers and opening fire at each other. Their fire was deadly, and both men fell to the ground. Ray was killed instantly. Norton died in a few minutes. Ray's wife was present during the fight and received a bullet in her leg, which will cripple her for life.

Pennsylvania Militia in Camp. GETTYSBURG, Pa., Aug. 11.—The National Guard camp, on the battlefield here, was completed yesterday, and all the troops are in quarters. Adjutant General Snowden arrived yesterday with his staff. The camp covers more ground than any previous division encampment.

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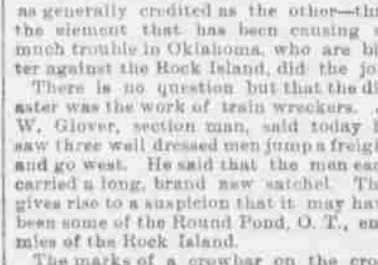


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