

Freak Wreck at Western Springs Injures Twenty

Speeding Limited Crash- es Into Car Which Pops from Freight Train.

STEEL COACH SAVES

In a peculiar railroad accident at Western Springs last evening more than a score of persons were injured, three of them seriously.

Just as the Missouri Limited of the Chicago, Burlington and Quincy railroad reached Western Springs, going west at the rate of fifty miles an hour, a freight train running east buckled and threw a car directly in front of the passenger train. There was scarcely an instant for the engineer to apply the brakes. The engine crashed into the freight car, tearing it to splinters.

The passenger engine and three cars—a mail, baggage, and smoking car—were thrown off the track. R. J. Keefe, the engineer, Henry Fox, the fireman, and W. W. Eastin of Kearney, Neb., are those seriously injured. The passengers who were injured were riding in the smoker.

List of the Injured.

Among the injured are:

Bricker, N. J., Aurora; both legs broken, cut and bruised.

Cardaugh, James V., Milan, Mo.; hip and back bruised; Hinsdale sanitarium.

Collier, G. S., Camp Point, Ill., mail clerk; nose and head injured; Hinsdale sanitarium.

Eastin, W. W., Kearney, Neb.; both legs broken, face and body badly bruised; Hinsdale sanitarium.

Florence, Edward, Aurora; head and legs bruised; Hinsdale sanitarium.

Fox, Henry, 35 years old, fireman, Galesburg; left shoulder and back scalded; may die; at St. Anthony's hospital.

Hard, S. T., Shebina, Mo.; cut over eyes and on head.

Headley, Clyde W., Galva, Ill.; back, head, and legs injured; Hinsdale sanitarium.

James, H. R., Aurora; head, arms, legs, and back injured; Hinsdale sanitarium.

Karthelner, Frank, Aurora; bruises; La Grange sanitarium.

Keefe, R. J., engineer, Galesburg; La Grange sanitarium.

Kouner, Hardin, Knox City, Mo.; cut about head and arms.

Strawner, W., Aurora; scalp wound and bruised about body; St. Anthony's hospital.

Taylor, C. E., Kansas City, porter, going to his home; leg broken; La Grange sanitarium.

Torrence, Hal, Insurance Exchange building; leg broken, shoulder dislocated, cut and bruised.

Vidoe, Adam, Austrian, speaks no English, address unknown; badly bruised about legs; La Grange sanitarium.

Unconscious in Debris.

Several passengers were taken out of the wreckage unconscious. The injured were taken to the La Grange sanitarium, the Hinsdale sanitarium, and the Hospital of St. Anthony de Padua.

Bricker is chief clerk in the office of the superintendent of motive power, and Karthelner is private secretary to the superintendent.

The accident occurred at almost the identical spot where two Burlington trains crashed together two years ago causing the death of fourteen persons. The wreck took place at 6:40 p. m. and tied up all trains until late this morning.

Crash Like a Storm.

Engineer Keefe told the story of the wreck at La Grange sanitarium.

"About a quarter of a mile east of Western Springs," he said, "I passed a freight running east about twenty miles an hour. We were running about fifty miles an hour. Sixty feet in front of the engine a box car jumped out of the freight and fell across the west bound main track. I called 'Look out' to the fireman and slammed down the emergency brakes.

"There was an awful crash, and the steam and smoke rolled into the cab and blinded me. It seemed like an awful storm. It was a few seconds later when I found myself on the ground between the tender and the engine. I called to my fireman: 'Henry, come this way.' 'Dick he said, 'I can't. I'm caught.'

"I crawled through the wreckage and hot water and brakeman Clarke of Galesburg and William Glaub of Western Springs helped me up."

Fireman Under Fire Box.

It was some time before Fox, the fireman, was extricated. He was found pinned close to the fire box. P. A. Hamilton, an engineer, dug away at the debris until he pulled Fox out.

Collier was the only one of the four mail clerks who was hurt. The car was a government standard steel mail car and the clerks believe it took the principal part of the shock and saved the Pullmans at the rear.