

# 42 KILLED, 80 INJURED

## Collision Between Trains at Atlantic City.

### EXCURSIONISTS VICTIMS

#### Five Loaded Passenger Coaches Crushed Into Kindling Wood.

#### RUN DOWN AT RAILROAD CROSSING

#### A Reading Engineer Sends His Train Through One on the West

#### Jersey Road.

#### THE WORK OF RESCUE VERY DIFFICULT

#### Dead and Wounded Taken to Atlantic City—Many of Those In-

#### jured Will Die.

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J., July 30.—Forty-two persons, at least, were killed and eighty or more injured by the collision of a Reading express train with a West Jersey excursion train, at a crossing just west of this place, at 6:30 o'clock this evening.

#### The Identified Dead.

The following dead have been identified:

ABBOTT, J. C., Bridgeton.  
ACKER, CHARLES, Salem, N. J.  
BECKETT, D., Bridgeton.  
BELL, M. F., Bridgeton, N. J.  
BELL, Mrs. M. F., Bridgeton, N. J.  
BENNETT, CHARLES D., Bridgeton.  
BONONGHAS, D., Bridgeton, N. J.  
BUTLER, H., Bridgeton.  
CHARD, W., Bridgeton.  
CHENEY, FREDERICK, Bridgeton, N. J.  
CRAINER, JOHN, Bridgeton, N. J.  
DAVIS, WALTER, Bridgeton.  
DIXON, W. S., Bridgeton.  
DUBOIS, FRANKLIN, Woodruff, N. J.  
EARNEST, Mrs. J., Bridgeton, N. J.  
FAN, EDWARD, Atlantic City; engineer Reading Railroad train.  
FISHER, V. D., Bridgeton.  
FISHER, Mrs. V. D., Bridgeton.  
FRASER, W., Bridgeton.  
FRAZIER, Mrs. D. A., Bridgeton.  
FRAZIER, D. A., Bridgeton.  
GOLDSMITH, P. H., Bridgeton, N. J.  
GOLDSMITH, Mrs. P. H., Bridgeton, N. J.  
GROSSCUP, RICHARD, Bridgeton.  
HAMSLEY, Miss May, Bridgeton.  
HITCHNER, JACOB, Bridgeton.  
HOWELL, FRANK, Bridgeton.  
JOHNSTON, J. D., Bridgeton, N. J.  
JOHNSON, MRS. JACOB, Shirley, N. J.  
JOHNSON, HANNAH, Bridgeton.  
JONES, W. W., Bridgeton.  
McGEAR, CHARLES, Bridgeton, N. J.  
MURPHY, P. S., Millville, N. J.  
MUTA, LIZZIE, Bridgeton.  
ORIELY, THOMAS F., Bridgeton.  
PITNER, JEREMIAH, Bridgeton.  
REEVE, DAVID, Bridgeton.  
SANBURT, NATHANIEL, Bridgeton, N. J.  
SEELEY, WILLIAM, Bridgeton, N. J.  
SEIHA, HARRY, of Bridgeton.  
SEIHA, Mrs. HARRY, of Bridgeton.  
SOUDER, WILLIAM H., member of the Board of Health, Bridgeton.  
SOUDER, Mrs. WILLIAM H., Bridgeton.  
SOWEN, DAVID, of Bridgeton.  
SMITH, SAMUEL, Atlantic City.  
TAYLOR, G. B., residence unknown.  
THORN, Samuel, Atlantic City; baggage master of the Pennsylvania Railroad.  
TRENCHARD, RICHARD, Bridgeton, N. J.  
TRENCHARD, Mrs. RICHARD, Bridgeton, N. J.  
WHITE, EDWARD, of Bridgeton.  
WOODNUT, HOWARD, of Bridgeton.  
WOOD, D. E., Philadelphia; shipping clerk.

#### The Injured.

Among the injured are the following:

ABBOTT, Mrs. E. A., Rhodestown, N. J.; lower limb and arm broken.  
ALFRED, VIOLET, Bridgeton, N. J.; face and nose fractured.  
BAUGHN, WILLIAM, Bridgeton, N. J.; back hurt and head severely cut.  
BURGER, CHESTER, Bridgeton, N. J.; hip injured.  
CHENWAY, FREDERICK, Bridgeton, N. J.; internal injuries and scalp wound.  
FRALINGER, Mrs. FAUNCE, Philadelphia; broken leg; will have to be amputated.  
FRIESE, DAVID, address unknown; neck dislocated.  
DUBOIS, IRWIN, thirteen years old; head cut and bodily injuries.  
HAMSLEY, W. C., 23 Pine Street, Bridgeton, N. J.; bodily injury.  
HAMSLEY, Mrs. W. C., body and head bruised.  
HILTON, JACOB, Bridgeton, N. J.; bruised badly about the head.  
HITCHMAN, Ex-Judge, Bridgeton, N. J.; internal injuries.  
HITCHMAN, Mrs.; concussion of the brain.  
HORNER, CHARLES W.; fractured leg and internal injuries.  
HOSTON, WILLIAM, Bridgeton, N. J.; internal injury.  
JOHNSON, Mrs. S., Shirley, N. J.; shoulder, head, and breast bruised.  
JOHNSON, JACOB, Shirley, N. J.; head hurt.  
JOHNSON, —, child of Jacob Johnson, badly hurt.  
KEIGER, Mrs. M., Elmer, N. J.; back badly hurt and head cut.  
KELLEY, JOHN S., Camden, N. J.; compound fracture of femur, internal injuries, probably fatal.  
LEE, WESLEY, Bridgeton, N. J.; internal injuries.  
MORELL, FRANK, East Orange, N. J.; dislocated shoulder and lacerated head.  
MORRELL, THOMAS F., Bridgeton, N. J.; compound fracture of the arm.  
MUTZ, SAMUEL, Bridgeton, N. J.; scalp and internally injured.  
RYNICK, CHARLES C., Bridgeton, N. J.; badly cut about head.  
SHEENEY, FRED, Bridgeton, N. J.; back hurt and internal injuries.  
PIERCE, Mrs. LAURA, of Bridgeton, N. J.; badly cut head and body bruised.  
REGER, Mrs. JOB, of Elmer, N. J.; bruised and hurt about head.  
RUTER, LIZZIE, of Bridgeton; contusion of back.  
SHIMP, MARY, Freesborough, N. J.; head cut.  
SIMPKINS, WILLIAM, of Salem; head lacerated.  
SMALLEY, CAROLINE, Bridgeton, N. J.; legs and arms injured.  
SMALLEY, HOWARD, Bridgeton, N. J.; body bruised and head cut.  
SMALLEY, LIZZIE, Bridgeton, N. J.; arms and legs severely injured.  
SMITH, HOWARD, of Bridgeton; back broken.  
SPAULDING, W. H., guest of Royal College; internal injuries and head hurt.  
TAYLOR, ALBERT, Bridgeton, N. J.; three scalp wounds.  
TRADER, ALBERT, Bridgeton, N. J.; head cut.  
WATSON, HARRY, Yorktown, N. J.; leg broken, head injured.  
WORTH, MASON, 525 North Twelfth Street, Philadelphia; back injured.  
WENZELL, STANLEY, Alloway, N. J.; scalp nearly torn off.

WOODLAND, HARRY, Bridgeton, N. J., broken arm.

WOODLAWN, HOWARD, Bridgeton, N. J.; arm broken.

WRASER, C. D., Bridgeton, N. J., badly cut on head.

WRASER, MRS. C. D., Bridgeton, N. J., head cut and bruised.

ZEELY, EDWARD, Bridgeton, N. J.; head cut.

### Cause of the Wreck.

A train consisting of seven cars left here over the West Jersey Railroad bearing a special excursion of Red Men and their friends from Bridgeton, N. J., and Salem, and had reached the crossing of the Reading Railroad when it was struck by the 5:40 down express train from Philadelphia. Two cars were demolished and the two following cars were telescoped.

The engine of the Reading train was wrecked, the engineer killed, and the fireman fatally injured. The car behind it was thrown from the track and many of its occupants were killed or injured.

### Telegraph Operator Arrested.

The responsibility of the collision has not been placed, but William Thurlow, the operator at the block signal tower at the crossing, has been placed under arrest, by order of the Coroner.

Leaving this city, the tracks of the West Jersey Road run parallel to those of the Camden and Atlantic until after they cross the drawbridge, when they switch off to the south, crossing the Reading Road at an obtuse angle.

John Greiner, the engineer of the West Jersey train, saw the Reading train approaching the crossing at a swift speed, but as the signals were open for him to proceed on his way, he continued. His engine had barely cleared the crossing when the locomotive of the Reading train, which left Philadelphia at 5:40 P. M., struck the first car full in the centre, throwing it far off the track into a near-by ditch, and completely submerging it. The second car of the West Jersey train was also carried into the ditch, the third and fourth cars begin telescoped. The engine of the Reading train was thrown to the other side of the track, carrying with it the first coach.

### The Boiler Explodes.

A few minutes after the collision, to add to the horror of the situation, the boiler of the Reading locomotive exploded, scalding several to death and casting boiling spray over many of the injured passengers.

As soon as the news reached this city it spread broadcast, and thousands of people flocked to the scene. The road leading to the place of the collision was a constant procession of hacks, busses, bicycles, and all kinds of vehicles, while thousands of pedestrians hurried along the path to render what assistance they could or to satisfy their curiosity.

Darkness fell quickly, and the work of rescuing the injured and recovering the bodies of the dead was carried out under the lurid glare of huge bonfires.

It was a gruesome sight presented to on-lookers as the mangled and burned forms of the dead were carried from the wreckage which bound them and laid side by side on the gravel bank near the track, with no other pall than the few newspapers gathered from the passengers.

### The Work of Rescue.

The wounded were quickly gathered together and carried by train and wagon to the Atlantic City Hospital, where six of them died shortly after their arrival.

The old Excursion House, at the foot of Mississippi Avenue, was converted into a morgue, and thither the dead were taken.

Twenty-nine bodies are laid out there, none of which are as yet identified.

The streets in the vicinity of the Excursion House and the City Hospital, as well as the road leading to the scene of the accident, are packed with people anxious to learn the latest news.

The Bridgeton and Salem excursionists who escaped injury were brought back to this city and sent home on a special train several hours later in the evening.

James W. Hoyt, Secretary of the Department of Public Safety, immediately upon learning of the extent of the accident telegraphed for the Philadelphia Medical Emergency Corps, fifteen of whom responded, and hurried to this city on a special train which left Philadelphia at 10:45 P. M. These surgeons materially aided the volunteer corps of this city, which embraced almost every physician at present within its confines.

Many of the injured were taken to hotels, as the city hospitals soon became overcrowded. About thirty of the wounded had their injuries dressed and were able to proceed on their way.

It is expected that fully a dozen of those now lying in the inn hospital will not survive their injuries.

### Dies from Shock and Grief.

Mrs. Edward Farr, the wife of the Reading engineer who met death while performing his duty, and was found with one hand on the throttle and the other on the brake, when informed of the accident and her husband's tragic death, was unable to withstand the shock, and fell to the floor dead.