

MANY KILLED IN RAILWAY WRECK

Head-On Collision Between Rock Island Express and Cattle Train in Kansas.

The Crash Occurred at Willard and Was Due to the Carelessness of Trainmen—Thirty or More Passengers Were Injured—Names of the Persons That Were Killed.

Topeka, Kan., Jan. 7.—Seventy persons were killed and 24 injured in the wreck of the Rock Island railway's California and Mexico express at Willard, Kan., 14 miles west of here, early yesterday morning. The train collided head-on with a stock train for which it should have waited at Willard.

The Dead.

The names of the dead are: Gale Fuller, Brockton, Pa.; James Griffin, Claremont, Mo.; Mrs. Mary Harvath and two children and her sister, Mrs. Susan Reed, Chillicothe, Mo.; Mrs. J. H. Hill, Greensburg, Kan.; E. E. Meyer, Buffalo, N. Y.; W. S. Martin and wife, St. Joseph, Mo.; Raymond Martin and Grace and Lenora Reed, Chillicothe, Mo.; E. R. Rankins, De Kalb, Mo.; W. J. Wells, Jacksonville, Ill.; Mrs. Mary Kaiser; unknown boy.

The Cause.

Carelessness of trainmen caused the wreck. Instructed to meet a special freight train at Willard, the engineer and conductor of the ill-fated passenger train noting that a freight train stood on the sidetrack at Willard, rushed through, thinking that the cars they had seen were the ones which they had been instructed to pass. Failure to scrutinize the number of the engine was directly responsible for the collision. Had the engineer compared the number of the train at Willard with his orders, the accident would have been averted.

Two Cars Demolished.

Both trains were running at a high speed and when the engines met they were welded together by the terrific impact. The engineer and fireman on the freight escaped without injury by jumping. The fireman on the passenger train was seriously injured, but the engineer escaped. It was in the third car of the passenger train, the first coach having been preceded by a smoker and baggage car, that the greatest loss of life occurred. The smoker, which was occupied by only two or three men, was overturned and pushed through the car behind it, which latter was crowded with passengers, some standing in the aisle.

When rescue was finally possible only three living persons were taken out by the rescuers, who were compelled to chop holes in the side and through the floor and top of the coach to reach them.

Nine Injured.

Deadwood, S. D., Jan. 7.—The Burlington passenger train that left Deadwood at four o'clock Wednesday afternoon crashed through a bridge at Rochford, 30 miles from Deadwood, and nine persons were injured, several seriously. The locomotive and baggage car got over safely, but the chair car plunged into the Little Rapid creek and the Pullman rolled down the bank.

Corea May Appeal.

Paris, Jan. 9.—Min Yeung Tchan, the Corean minister, said Friday that he would not be surprised should Corea appeal to the United States for good offices in her behalf in case of the invasion of Corean territory by one or the other power. Under the treaty between the United States and Corea this is permissible. Moreover, continued the minister, the people of Corea regard the United States in a most friendly way, because of its fair policy.

War on Liquor.

Logansport, Ind., Jan. 9.—The temperance people of Royal Center, the capital of Boone township, made another important move in their war on the liquor traffic which has been waging since early last year, by filing complaints against the corporators of the three club houses operating there, in which they seek to annul the charters under which they are doing business.

Two Deaths by Wreck.

Baltimore, Md., Jan. 9.—A Baltimore & Ohio railway train crashed into a freight train at Evitt's Creek Friday morning, both engines being derailed and wrecked. Fireman B. F. Kefauver was killed and Fireman S. E. Roberts fatally injured, dying shortly after the accident. Engineer G. B. Humphrey and Fireman J. F. Conrad were injured.

Assaulted by Students.

Huntington, W. Va., Jan. 9.—Prof. Runyan, of this city, who teaches at Camp Creek, two miles east of Huntington, was assaulted Thursday night by students and beaten into insensibility. The teacher had previously whipped one of the pupils. Prof. Runyan's condition Friday was considered dangerous.

Was Authority on Hebraic Works.

New York, Jan. 9.—Dr. Michael L. Rodkinson, editor and publisher of the Babylonian Talmud, the principal authority of the Hebrews on oral laws and the traditions of their faith, is dead at his home here. He spent 20 years translating the work and was the author of several Hebraic works.

Flames Cause Heavy Damage.

Claremont, N. H., Jan. 9.—The Union block, one of the finest business buildings in the town, was badly damaged by fire Friday and the loss, including that sustained by tenants, is estimated at \$100,000. The cause of the fire has not been ascertained. The total insurance is \$40,000.