

SIXTEEN PURDUE STUDENTS PERISH IN TRAIN WRECK

Frightful Disaster at Indianapolis Spreads Pall of Gloom Over State of Indiana.

"Big Four" Special Carrying Happy University Men to Witness Championship Football Game Crashes Into Loaded Coal Car—Heroism Displayed by the Sufferers.

Sixteen persons were killed and two-score injured, more than half of them seriously, in the wreck of a special train on the Big Four railroad bearing nearly 1,000 passengers, in the vicinity of Riverside Park, Indianapolis, Oct. 31. Ten of the dead were members of the Purdue University football team, which was to have played Indiana University for the state championship at Indianapolis, and nearly all of the people on the train were residents of Lafayette, who had come to see the contest. The disaster spread gloom over the entire city and most of the state, and for a time called to the scene of chaos all of the medical and surgical talent of Indianapolis.

The dead: COATS, JOSEPH, substitute player, Lafayette. DROLLINGER, B. S., beheaded. FURR, WALTER, substitute, Corpus Christi, Tex. GRUBE, W. H., substitute, Butler, Ind. HAMILTON, JAY, substitute player, Huntington, Ind. HAMILTON, W. D., center rush, Lafayette. HOWARD, N. R., Lafayette. McCLAIR, PATRICK, Chicago, assistant coach. POWELL, R. J., Corpus Christi, Tex. PRICE, BERT, Spencer, Ind., substitute.

ROBERTSON, E. C., assistant coach. ROBERTSON, WALTER. ROUCH, WALTER R., Pittsburg, substitute. SHAW, G. L., Lafayette. SQUIBB, SAM, Lafayette. TRUITT, SAMUEL, substitute. BAILEY, WILLIAM, New Richmond, Ind.

A misunderstanding of orders is said to have caused the wreck. The tracks were not cleared for the special, which crashed into a train of six loaded coal cars while running at a good speed in a deep cut near Eighteenth street and Holton place. The sound of the collision was heard for many blocks and thousands of people rushed to the scene of death, suffering and frightful destruction and disorder.

The passenger engine and the first three coaches were almost destroyed. The first coach was crushed to splinters, the second telescoped and thrown down an embankment fifteen feet high, while the third was hurled athwart the track. The coal cars were commingled with the advance coaches and bodies of dead, dying and those otherwise injured were lying about or partly covered with wreckage, while cries of agony resounded.

The forward cars were occupied mainly by the football players and other students. The work of recovering the dead and injured was joined in by the passengers of the rear coaches, aided by the people who hurried to the scene in carriages or afoot. Many girls from Lafayette were among those who assisted. Hospitals and private physicians were telephoned for, and they responded promptly.

Fifty or more students were under the huge pile of debris. One body was entirely beheaded and others were so mutilated as to be hardly recognizable. Two of the killed were brothers, the Hamiltons. One lived at Lafayette, the other at Huntington.

All the ambulances in the city, including the vehicles of the various undertaking firms, responded to the call, and the hose wagons of the fire department and several spring wagons belonging to teamsters were pressed into service. Some spectators came in automobiles and offered the use of their carriages.

The usual heart-rending scenes of a wreck were magnified, as there were so many more mourners than ordinarily. Hardly a surviving passenger on the train but had a relative or friend among the victims, and not a few of the citizens of Indianapolis on the ground saw the mangled forms of those bound to them by ties of blood or friendship. Women fainted and men wept and cried aloud as body after body of the dead and dying was pulled from the wreckage.

Many of the girls rolled up their sleeves and knelt at the side of the stricken men and boys and bathed their wounds until the services of a surgeon could be obtained. Dresses donned for a gala day were soiled in the work or torn to shreds to make bandages for the suffering. Several of those sorely hurt pleaded that their names be not published because of the anguish it would cause their parents or relatives. There were genuine heroes among the wounded. Some of these asked that the physicians first attend to the others worse injured and then return to them.

The body of Gabriel S. Drollinger was found almost beheaded under the splintered remains of the first coach. It was rescued with difficulty owing to the danger of the debris falling over. Under the overturned tender, and crushed until they could with difficulty be recognized, were the bodies of W. H. Grube, substitute player, of Butler, Ind., and Walter Furr of Corpus Christi, Texas, a member of the team. The work of recovering these bodies required the combined efforts of the wrecking crew and many of the city firemen and police.

All the young men killed were in the first coach. This contained about seventy persons. Those who retained consciousness when laid on the grass urged that their friends leave them and hasten to the telegraph office and inform their parents that they had escaped with a few bruises. In the second car was the Purdue band, some of the members of which are among the injured. Coach Cutts of the Purdue team was only slightly hurt, and he assisted in the work of rescue. President W. E. Stone of the university, with Mrs. and Miss Stone, were in the fifth car, and, with the other passengers of their coach, were uninjured.

While death and suffering spread a pall over all that part of the city, down town three miles away 1,200 cheering students had arrived on a special train from Bloomington, with the sturdy players of the State University team eager for the gridiron contest. They poured out of their train with band playing and colors flying, to be met with the news of the calamity that had befallen their rivals from Purdue. Instantly the music ceased, colors were lowered and hidden beneath coats, tears displaced laughter and college yells changed into mournful expressions of sincere and heartfelt sympathy.

Sad and silent groups of Bloomington students huddled at street corners and formed into committees to visit morgues and hospitals, or boarded street cars that were carrying thousands to the scene of the wreck. Many of those from Bloomington had relatives or fraternity brothers among the crowds from Purdue, and they joined the ranks of the mourners about the hiers of the students of the rival college.

As the list of the dead grew larger with the passing of the hours, the general gloom became more intense. Dr. William Bryan, president of Indiana University, came in with the team. He was greatly affected at the news, and Ora Cleveland, captain of the Indiana team, could not master his feelings in talking of the accident. Athletic Director Horne said the calamity meant a personal loss to him as most of the Purdue players were his warm friends.

"So far as I know," said President Stone of Purdue, "no one was seriously injured in any car except the first. The passengers in our car, the fifth, were not thrown from their seats. The first coach was so demolished that it is hard to believe anyone in it could escape alive. The appalling nature of this disaster is the greater to one who has enjoyed with the students of Purdue the pleasant anticipations of this day. It was to have been the greatest day in the history of athletics for the university. I never saw a happier lot of young men than started from Lafayette. The spirit of good fellowship was over all."

The engineer of the special, and the crew of the coal train, escaped injury. The special's engineer leaped in time to save himself when he saw he could do nothing to avert the wreck. He explained that he was given to understand he had a clear track. Lon Smith, with his back broken; "Red" Mowery, with his skull fractured; poor Powell in the morgue and N. R. Howard in his coffin—these are the arguments against any more football at Purdue.

The death of Powell and the two Hamiltons is the heaviest blow. J. D. Hamilton was engaged to a Lafayette girl of fortune, who sat all day long at her study table in North Sixth street, Lafayette, and pressed telephone inquiries on local and long distance operators till she "got" the hospitals and morgues in Indianapolis. When she found Hamilton was certainly dead she called up his parents at Beardstown, Ill., and consoled them. The whole city of Lafayette is in mourning. The men who lost their lives were all known and loved there, and the one topic of conversation everywhere was the frightful accident which has cost so much.

Point of View. "Kissing," said the coy maid, "should be strictly private." "Oh, I don't know," rejoined the strenuous youth, "Just think what we would have missed if the discoverer of kissing had never made it public."

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Sunflower With Black Seeds. Ira Howland of Berlin, Vt., raised a gigantic sunflower this season, which had black seeds instead of those of the customary color. The head of the flower was over thirteen inches in diameter.

Venerable Men Make Trip. Three residents of North Attleboro, Mass., veteran grangers, made a trip to the Brockton fair together a few days ago, whose ages aggregated 257 years. They were Thomas A. Barlow, 81; E. Y. Kingman, 87, and James Bagbee, 86.

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Bars Courts and Lawyers. The will of W. H. Mentzer has just been filed for probate in San Bernardino, Cal. It is peculiar on account of the stipulation which directs that no attorney or court of law shall direct the distribution of the estate. Mentzer was formerly one of the richest men of this county, owning the town site of Colton. He became involved in litigation, which depleted his wealth. Under the will there is little over \$75,000 to administer. Some of this consists of property on Pine street, San Francisco. A month ago Mentzer died, at Inglewood. Following his express wishes, there were no pallbearers nor clergymen at his funeral, the undertaker simply calling at the house and taking the corpse to the cemetery. His widow, his only heir, lives alone in the beautiful Inglewood home, shunning all society.—San Francisco Chronicle.

LIKED HIS "NIP." Not a Whisky, but a Coffee Toper. Give coffee half a chance and with some people it sets its grip hard and fast. "Up to a couple of years ago," says a business man of Brooklyn, N. Y., "I was as constant a coffee drinker as it was possible to be, indeed, my craving for coffee was equal to that of a drunkard for his regular 'nip' and the effect of the coffee drug upon my system was indeed deplorable. "My skin lacked its natural color, my features were pinched and my nerves were shattered to such an extent as to render me very irritable. I also suffered from palpitation of the heart. "It was while in this condition I read an article about Postum Food Coffee and concluded to try it. It was not long before Postum had entirely destroyed my raging passion for coffee and in a short time I had entirely given up coffee for delicious Postum. "The change that followed was so extraordinary I am unable to describe it. Suffice it to say, however, that all my troubles have disappeared. I am my original happy self again and on the whole the soothing and pleasant effects produced by my cup of Postum make me feel as though I have been 'landed at another station.' "Not long ago I converted one of my friends to Postum and he is now as loud in its praise as I am." Name furnished by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. Look in each package for a copy of the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."



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