#### DESERET EVENING NEWS MONDAY MAY 13 1907



Struck a Defective Switch on Southern Pacific Near Henda, While Going Fifty Miles an Hour-Thirty-two Persons Were Almost Instantly Killed-Dining Car Was Scene of Greatest Slaughter-Wreckage Caught Fire-Coroner's Inquest Into Cause of Accident Will be Continued Today.

Santa Barbara, Cal. May 12 .- While hurrying northward over the coast line Southern Pacific railroad yeste day afternoon, homeward bound, after a week of fraternizing and fiesta In Los Angeles, 115 Shriners of lehmalls temple of Buffalo, and Rajah temple o Reading, with their tamilles

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friends, were hurled into the midst of friends, were hurled into the midst of death, when their special train, running 50 miles an hour, struck a defectivo switch at Honda, a lonely station on the Sand wastes of the Pacific beach, de-railing the train, samashing the coaches into flinders, killing 32 almost instantly and injuring more than a score of ofn-ers. The bodies of 21 die in the morgues of Santa Barbara this afternoon and 11 more are at San Luis Obisoo. The in-jured, many of whom are terribly hurt and will probably die, are in two sani-tariums at San Luis Obisoo.

DEAD AT SANTA BARBARA.

J. Dougias Hipple, Rending, Pa.
H. K. Gittleman, Reading.
A. L. Roth, Rending.
Gilbert Steff, Rending.
A. D. Wasson, Buffalo, N. Y.
Charles S. Henry, Lobanon, Pa.
J. W. Cutter, Binghanton, N. Y.
Charles M. Lowing, Pullman conductor Buffalo, N. Y.

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 C. W. Austin, New York agent for McCann's fourist company, New York - John Lacey, negro, dining car waiter "R. W. Sweeney, negro, dining cat waited

valter. Mrs. William W. Essick, Reading. Mrs. John W. Cutter, Binghamton, N.

Mrs. John W. Chief, Cleveland, O. Mrs. Henry J. Fisher, Cleveland, O. Miss Cora Young, Cleveland, O. Mrs. Brumbach, Reading, George F. Hagerman, Reading, Harrison Hendel, Reading, O. F. Kaufmann, Reading, Harrison Miller, Reading,

AT SAN LUIS OBISPO,

K. S. Snyder, Reading,
Mirs, S. Snyder, Reading,
Richard Essick, Reading,
Thomms J. Prunlach, Reading,
Miss Stoltz, Reading,
L. N. Ellenbogen, Allentown, Pa,
Mirs, L. N. Ellenbogen, Allentown, Pa,
Howard Moyer, Hazleton, Pa,
Alonzo B, Rogers, St. Paul, Pullman

deviductor. Unidentified woman, probably Mrs. Mary C. Ivins, Reading, Pa. S. A. Blekford, brakeman, San Fran-francisco; fatally injured.

#### INJURED.

R. Fountain, brakeman: missing last night; was brought to this city this morning. His back is injured and the lower part of his body paralyzed, Fountain crawled a hundred yards to flag the second section following and later was picked up and conveyed to this city this morning. this city this morning. W. H. Boyd of Reading, Pa.; badly

scalded

scalded,
Martin L. Henry, Shamokin, Pa.; injured spine and severely scalded.
H. H. Lee, Orwigsburg, Pa.; face lacerated, both hips out and fractured leg.
J. Logan, Buffalo, N. Y.; leg fractured and three ribs broken.
H. A. Hartsel, Easton, Pa.; severely scalded and fractured leg.

scalded and fractured leg. Charles McKinney, Binghamton, N. Y.; back injured. Mrs. McKinaey; severely bruised

Mrs. Ackenney, Severely Inducta about the body.
 Mrs. Fred Grunmoud, Blaghamton, N.
 Y.: ankle broken.
 A. W. Roppole of Bennis Point, N. Y.;

severely bruised about neck

Engineer Champlaine; badly scalded. Fireman Glen Thompson; face, arms and buernal injurics. Mis. Hendel and daughter Helen of Reading, Pa.; not serious. J. Galvin Hoeffeditg of Reading, Pa.; helt beg tructured; scalp wound.

TIME OF WRECK.

The wreck occurred exactly at 2:35 o'clock, one hour and 45 minutes after the concluve visitors, forming a merry party, had spent all the morning sight-sceing in Santa Barbara. The state-ment that the train was making ter-rific speed when it struck the defective track is borne out by the fact that it covered the 61 miles of curves and crooked track between here and Honda in exactly 100 minutes.

In exactly 100 minutes. There was no warning of the impend-ing calamity. The special plunged upon the defective switch and in an in-stant the hig locomotive, baggage car, diagr and Pullman, coupled with it, were builted together in a huge heap of wreckage. The engine shot forward on the broken track, tearing up the trails and thes and twisting the huge from spans into fish hooks. The bag-gage car half buried itself in the sand on the right side of the locomotive. It was smushed almost to kindling wood. SCENE OF COPENTS of the bage states of the same second SCENE OF GREATEST SLAUGH-

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SCENE OF GREATEST SLAUGH-TER. The dining car, in which were 32 peo-ple eating their noonday repart, leaped into the air and was thrown directly on top of the demolished locomotive. Nearly every person in this coach was instantly killed. Scores were scalded by steam escaping from disconnected pipes in the kitchen of the diner. The terror and firmoil of the scene were indescribable. Many of those who escaped instrui death by the drat im-pact were crushed by the rear coaches furied upon the wreckage. Others, pin-foned in the debris, were roasted alive. The wreckage eaught fire from the coals of the engine, but the fire was ex-tinguished in a few minutes by the pas-sengers who escaped infury. Engineer Frank Champlaine was pitched with his cab 25 feet beyond the engine, and got up and ran three-quarters of a mile, seeking held, before he discovered that bi- arm was broken and that he was severely scalded. A man standing behind his wife in the baggage car was hurled through a huge rent in the roof and alighted in soft and yielding sand almost unin-jured. The woman was forced through the floor, and wreekers had to lift tons of baggage to get her body out.

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But the unfortunates who occupied every seat in the dining car were caught in a veritable death trap. Only two of the nine men of the diner crew are numbered among the dead. The remainder, though cooped up in the narrow kitchen and pautry, sustained but a few cuts and bruises. A last call for luncheon had just sounded a few minutes before the diswomen.

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Rajah teutple of Reading occupied the last car on the train and were the last ones to go forward to the diner. The car was filled almost entirely with Reading people when the wreck oc-curred. An instant after the smash those who were not rendered insensible or otherwise incapacitated by the ter-rlfic impact, jumped from the train to render ald, but the grewsome scene before them unfitted many for the work they had to do in the long hours before relief arrived. Rajah temple of Reading occupied before relief arrived

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the windows of the undamaged sleep-er, dainted when they saw the bodies of their friends strewn along the road-side, blood from the 'gaping wounds' stained the sand drifts all about. Men who toiled hard at the task of rescue collapsed completely, many of them be-fore the work was finished. Mrs. John W. Cutler of Binghamton, whose husband is also among the killed, was in the baggage car at the time of the crash, where she had gone to rearrange her trunk. Her body was driven iterailly through the floor and the wrecked car had to be jacked up before it could be released. Mrs. Fred Grummond of Binghamton was with her, and also went down under the tons of baggage and broken timber.

When rescuers burrowed their way to where the two women lay, the liv-lug one reached out and grasped the feet of one of the men and should? "The not let go until you get me out."

Then a gust of scalding steam en-veloped her, and she was terribly burned. She was rescued alive, how-ever and was among those taken to San Lyis Oblano.

ever and was among those taken to San Luis Obispo. When Miss Cora Young of Cleve-land was taken from the shattered diner she was still living, but fright-fully injured. Her entire body had been showered with boiling water, and when women friends removed her cor-sets, the imprint of the stays was left deep in the scalded flesh.

DEEDS OF COURAGE,

There were countless deed of courage and self-abnegation. A. D. Hagerman of Reading, refused the aid of his brother nobles after they had dragged him, fatally hurt, from the wreck, "I am dying," he said; "go help the women."

Tam dying, he said; 'go heip the women,'' Sander Debald of Cleveland worked heroically, but unavailingly, to save the lives of two women pinned beneath the diner. The flames had broken out amid the wreckage and were burning all about the prostrate forms of wo-fen. Burrowing his way into the smoldering, splintered wreck, Debald, with a hose which he had wrenched from a coach connection, spouted water from an adjacent tank and ex-tinguished the flames. Then he reached down and after cut-ting away the broken timbers that held her fast, took Mrs. William W. Essick of Reading from the ruins, She was begging pitcously for relief when Debald reached her. As he lifted her from the wreckage, a stream of boil-ing meter bounds.

from the wreckage, a stream of boll-ing water poured over her, searing her body terribly. Women passengers sought to remove her upper garments.

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these trains did not know that they were passing the funeral trains of their brethren. The train was reported due to arrive in this city at 9 o'clock. At that hour every dead wagon, together with many other vehicles, was assem-bled at the local Southern Pacific sta-tion to transport the bodies to the morgue. Three local undertaking par-lors were filled with bodies of the vic-tlins. The work of indentification had not yet been completed. Many of the dead were so badly burned and muti-lated as to be almost unrecognizable. The undertakers' rooms were besieged by crowds of Shriners who were still in the city. By daylight all of the dead had been identified. When the relief train arrived at Suiton on the way to the wreek. Miss Maria Fuller, 19 years old, of Los Angeles, jumped aboard. "Twant to go with you to the wreck," she said to Dr. W. A. Tay-lor, the Southern Pacifie division sur-reon, who had charge of the train, "You can't go," replied the surgeon, Ten minutes later, when the train was clipping ralles at the rate of 50 miles an hour, a whisp of dark brown hair blowing above the front car plat-form drew the attention of Dr. Tay-

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hair blowing above the front car plat-form drew the attention of Dr. Tay-or and the conductor. A moment more and they had dragged the girl from the tender brakebeam of the speeding engine. Brought into tha-car, Miss Fuller smiled away the doc-tor's glow-ring looks. "I really had to go," she said. "I ant a member of Southgate lodge, Eastern Star, and I am pledged to five aid whenever I can." On the way back she did her best o comfort Mrs. A. D. Wasson, whose iusband was killed. CORONER'S INDUEST

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husband was killed. CORONERS' INQUEST. Santa Barbara. Cal., May 12.—Cor-oner Ruiz began tha inquest this afternoon on the bodies of the viculms of yesterday's wreck. Joel H. Pres-cott of Buffalo was the first witness. He testified that the train was running at a high rate of speed at the time of the accident. In answer to ques-tions of the district attorney, Pres-cott said that the relief train from Santa Barbara reached the wreck shortly after 5 o'clock. The accident occurred at 2:35. The relief train started back at 7 o'clock and did not reach Santa Barbara until 1:30 a. m., or six and a half hours after leaving the wreck, taking that long to cover a distance of 61 miles. The relief train was beid on a siding about 14 miles north of Santa Barbara, for about two, hours, with its freight of dead. Prescott said he examined the ground in the vicinity of the switch and discovered that the point of a switchrafi was broken off, evidentify by the train. The piece of broken rail was produced. This caused the train to leave the track and cars were thrown in every direction. An exam-ibation of the switch showed that it was not closed. The inquest will be continued at 3 o'clock tomorrow after-noon. An eve witness states that the loss

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An eye witness states that the loss of life would have been much greater but for the fact that a carload of water stood upon a sidetrack, within a few feet of the wreck. The overturned cars immediately took fire, and but for the presence of this water would have burned from end to end.
Loud praise is bestowed upon a flagman's wife, whose house stood near the scene of the disaster, for the noble work she did in preparing and serving coffee to the wounded. She made trips with cans of coffee and other food.
William H. Doherty, a member of the board of police commissioners of Buffalo, and a progninent Shriner of Ishmalia temple, gave a word picture of his experiences and the hardships that followed the smash-up:
"I was in one of the rear coaches of the train when the engine jumped the track," he said, "and to this fact I undoubtedly owe my life, for everyone killed was either in the diner or the next coach. We were traveling along at a good rate of speed, but not an excessive one, when the crash came, and before anyone realized what had happened the wreckage of seats and windows, and rushed outside to help the unfortunates who were under the forward cars."

Inder the forward cars." Fortunately for the injured, there were five doctors among the surviving Shriners on the train, and by the sime the Santa Barbara relief train had reached the scene the more seriously wounded had received surgical atten-tion and had been sent on to San Louis Obison



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with the clothing. She expired after a few minutes, after being carried out on the sand, and Debald was forced back into the sleeper, unable longer to endure the harrowing scenes on every hand home can be completely

"It was the most horrible sight I ever laid eyes on," he said. "When-ever I touched her the print of the fin-gers remained in the almost fluid flesh." Henry J. Fisher of Cleveland went

Henry J. Fisher of Cleveland wont under protest with his wife and her daughters, Miss Cora Young and Mrs. W. Cutter, to the baggage car. The three women were killed and he es-caped almost unharmed from the wreck of the baggage coach. Today, wander-ing dazedly about the streets. Fisher acts mournfully, "How did I escape? Why should they die and I live?" W. D. Wasson of Buffulo was eating at a corner table. He was within six inches of the hot water tanks. When the rescucra neared him he smiled en-couragingly. Dragged from under the range of the scalding steam, he mur-nered "Thank God," and died. His wife and their 3-year-old baby were with him on the train and escaped in-jury. ary. Charles M. Tyson of Buffalo is ill at

Charles M. Tyson of Buffalo is ill at the Potter hotel here completely un-herved by his experiences. He faced death many times dragging from the de-bris the bodise of friends. He finally collapsed under the strain. It was some time after the wreck had occurred before word of it reached the outside work?,

BELIEF TRAIN SENT.

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#### BODIES BESIDE TRACK.

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The dead were removed in undertak-cis' wagons to a morgue. In the meanwhile the train returning to this city with its load of dead was sidetracked at a lonely switch for the passage of other trains. Far out on the sandy desert, miles from any habitation or from any wire communication with the outside world, the speckal waited for two hours, while train after train of shiftners, hound for Los Angeles to their castern homes, swept by, In the darkness the accupants of

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Los Angeles, May 12.—The Associ-ated Press today received the follow-ing message from Imperial Potentate Frank C. Roundy, sent from the de-pot at Paso Robles, Cal., where Mr. Roundy is en route to his home in Chicago from the Los Angeles con-clave:

clave: "To the Nobility of North America: It is with profound regret I announce that a horrible disaster has saddened the homeward journey of many of our nobles from our imperial council ses-sion at Los Angeles, and I hereby ex-press my great sympathy and sorrow for the irreparable loss of life sustan-ed by 1sthmalia and Rajah temples in the wreck of their special train, (Signed) "FRANK C. ROUNDY, "Imperial Potentate."

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