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## RAILROAD OFFICIALS COLLISION VICTIMS

### *Former I. C. Pres. and 3 Others Die as Engine Crashes Into Private Car.*

Centralia, Ill., Jan. 22.—Former President James T. Harahan, of the Illinois Central railroad, and three other railroad officials traveling with him in a private car, were killed in a rear-end collision on the I. C. at Kinmundy, Ill., at 12:30 a. m. today.

The dead: **James T. Harahan**; **E. B. Pierce**, Chicago, general solicitor of the Rock Island R. R.; **F. O. Melcher**, Chicago, second vice president of the Rock Island; **E. E. Wright**, Memphis, son of former Secretary of War Luke Wright, connected with the legal department of the I. C.

The four men were asleep in their staterooms aboard Melcher's private car, attached to train No. 25, which was taking water at Kinmundy, 30 miles north of here. The Panama limited, running 50 miles an hour, crashed into the car.

Four other occupants of Melcher's car, Bryan C. Curry, secretary to F. O. Melcher; Thomas Busbee, attorney for the Rock Island, and two colored porters, escaped injury.

Engineer Stuart and Fireman Vert of the limited were injured. Stuart was cut and bruised, and Vert's left leg was broken. Both were taken to their home in Champaign.

Then engine of the heavy limited plowed straight through Mr.



**James T. Harahan.**

Melcher's car and jammed into a Pullman coach directly ahead before it came to a stop. Cries of more than a score of injured rose above the hussing steam from the twisted mass of wreckage. They were extricated and the majority were found to be but slightly hurt.

The cause of the wreck is as-