

LACK OF CARE
WRECK CAUSE,
URGES WEST

COMPLAINS OF WAY
DEAD WERE IGNORED

District Commissioner West bitterly denounces the Baltimore and Ohio railroad and says that if proper care were exercised, the Terra Cotta disaster should never have occurred. He also criticizes in stinging terms the railroad's thought of its cars and schedules previous to its care for the dead bodies that littered the tracks after the crash.

Treating the accident, Commissioner West says: "The terrible wreck at Terra Cotta last night is all the more terrible because it ought never to have occurred. The value of the block system is completely neutralized when the railroad authorities will allow another train to pass a block already occupied."

Overlooked the Dead. "Another thing which impressed me was the delay in sending a train to convey the dead bodies to the city, where they could be placed in the morgue and identified by relatives and friends."

KILLED IN THE WRECK

DR. E. OLIVER BELT, Was Secretary of Episcopal Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital.

LOWE LOST LIFE
VISITING SICK

A. E. Lowe, one of the wreck's victims, was manager of the commercial phonograph department of the Columbia Phonograph Company, at 1212 P street northwest, and lived at 305 Hoi-mers place. He left home yesterday morning to visit a nephew in Gaithersburg, Md., who is critically ill.

PRESTIGES ON SCENE
GIVE LAST RITES
TO WRECK VICTIMS

Father Southgate of St. Anthony's Church, Describes Terrible Scenes Following Crash—No Distinction Caring For Injured.

Father Southgate, pastor of St. Anthony's Church in Brookland, and Father Marks, assistant pastor, were among the first to reach the scene of the wreck. A parishioner sent a messenger to tell Father Southgate of the disaster and he and his assistant hurried to the scene. In speaking of it this morning Father Southgate said: "Any description of the scene at Terra Cotta cannot begin to make known the horror of it all. It is beyond comprehension, and only those who actually saw the fearful scene can have any adequate idea of its awful character."

INQUIRY BY U. S. A.
MAY BE RESULT
OF B. & O. WRECK

To all this a member of the commission added: "I read in the newspaper accounts that at Takoma Park only a day station is maintained, and that the safety signals were left there for the night. If that is true, it is an outrage. That any day station should be maintained on a great and busy railroad, practically within the limits of such a city as Washington, is mighty close to criminal negligence."

Accidents Increased. The safety appliance law was enacted in 1892, but did not go into full operation until August, 1900. In 1895 one passenger in every 2,844,000 carried in the United States was killed and one in every 23,000 was injured.

Blocks Badly Operated. The answer to this question, as gathered from the reports and oral statements of the Interstate Commission of experts, is in part, at least, that the block system is inefficient and badly operated. An inspector for the commission who has spent years studying this problem said: "There are two kinds of block systems, the automatic and the manual."

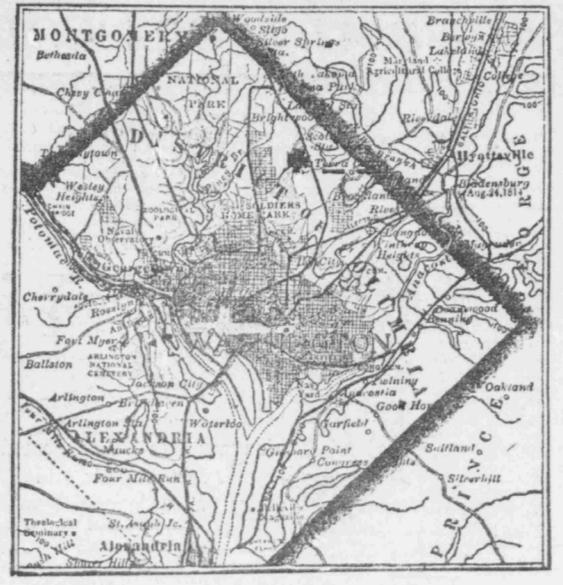
Underpaid, Overworked. "Under the manual system, a tower is provided at the end of each block in which is stationed a signal man who must be a telegraph operator. When a train enters his block, he shows the danger signal, and is presumed to keep it displayed until he is notified by the operator at the next tower that the train has passed out of that block, when he is required to display the safety signal."

Greedy at the Bottom. "I suppose that down at the bottom of all this is the great pressure for more profit from the operation of two roads. Dividends, and dividends, and more dividends is the demand. In Europe a higher estimate is placed on life and a lower estimate on dividends. When we get to looking at it as the European people do we will enforce regulations that will make travel approximately as safe as it is there. But can never be done until we have much more extensive railroad facilities in proportion to the amount of business handled."

INJURED IN WRECK

CORNELIUS ECKHARDT, Who Has Three Times Been Elected Mayor of Kensington.

MAP SHOWS THE SCENE
OF TERRA COTTA WRECK



CROSS SHOWS THE LOCATION OF TERRA COTTA.

Heretofore Identified.

- B F. LEIGH, forty years old, died at Providence Hospital at 5 o'clock; mangled body and fractured skull.
- MISS MAY LIPPOLD, sister-in-law of Harry Higbee, Bureau of Printing.
- A. LEE LOWE, 1212 F street, Columbia Phonograph Company.
- THOMAS ELMER METZ, of Germanown, Md., about thirty years old.
- MINNIE MEERKLING, twenty-five years old, 408 M street.
- LORNE McCAGHEY, son of J. A. McCaghey, fifteen years old, of Baltimore, Md.; body torn almost to pieces.
- MRS. MOORE and one-year-old baby.
- THOMAS METZ, New York Transfer Company, corner Eighth avenue and Forty-ninth street, New York.
- MRS. M. S. PURMAN, North Takoma, D. C.
- MISS REEVES, Takoma, D. C.
- MRS. JENNIE REED, Washington.
- MISS ANNA W. READING, of 1830 Jefferson place, twenty-four years old; body lacerated, internal injuries; identified by cards; body sent home.
- RUPPERT, Washington merchant; body mangled.
- NORMAN RODGERS, thirty years old, Marion, Ind.
- JOHN WRIGHT, died at Emergency Hospital.

List of Injured.

- ADLER, ROY, twenty-four years old, Poolesville, Md.; right arm broken, face bruised, and nose broken. Providence.
- AUSTIN, FANNIE, colored, 1802 D street southeast.
- BAKER, DANIEL W., of Washington, District Attorney; heel crushed, badly bruised about face; walked to Brookland, D. C.; treated at a pharmacy.
- BARNES, Mrs. LINCOLN, and daughter, Estelle, of Fifth street northeast; both seriously injured about body and head.
- BOBLITZ, FRANK, thirty-eight years old, of Frederick, Md.; lacerated wound of scalp and face, fracture of jaw, sprained ankle. Taken to Casualty Hospital.
- BROWN, AUSTIN, of Doubs, Md.; serious.
- CAMPBELL, LUCILLE, 5 H street northwest.
- CHAMBERS, AL, 1008 Eleventh street; badly injured.
- CHAMBERS, HOWELL, 1008 Eleventh street northwest.
- COMPTON, LUCILLE, six years old; compound fracture of both legs, shoulder dislocated, and cut about head. Providence. Mother and sister not accounted for.
- COOLEY, Mrs. N., Washington.
- COOLEY, RAYMOND J., of 215 New Jersey avenue.
- CROSS, Miss RAY, of Seneca, Md.; injured about head and body.
- DICKENS, JOHN, of Terra Cotta; injured about head and body.
- ECKHARDT, CORNELIUS, mayor of Kensington, and auditor of the Star, fatally injured; at Garfield Hospital.
- EODLER, ROY, of Poolesville, Md.; badly cut about face, left leg broken; brought in on relief train.
- ELGIN, RICHARD, twenty-five years old, of 1008 Eleventh street northwest; compound fracture of both legs. Taken to Casualty Hospital.
- FAGAN, CHARLES, twenty-three, of Frederick, Md.; injuries not serious. After being treated at the Casualty Hospital was able to go to his home.
- HUGHES, CATHERINE, twenty-nine, of 1488 Corcoran street northwest; sprained hand; injuries not serious.
- HAGEN, CHARLES T., of Frederick, Md.
- DR. E. GAITHER HARRIS, dentist, 1836 New York avenue.
- HAMLIN, THEODORE C., of Seneca, Md.; seriously injured about head.
- HEISER, FRED, Terra Cotta; slightly injured; Garfield Hospital.
- HEMILLER, THOMAS C., of Seneca, Md.; internal injuries.
- HORNBER, JOHN, lacerated wounds of head and internal injuries.
- JOHNSON, WILLIAM C., forty years old, of 1343 Girard street northwest; general agent United States Express; fracture, both bones of right forearm; badly lacerated forehead; sprained ankle, and other serious injuries; at Emergency Hospital.
- JONES, LYSLE, address unknown.
- KAULLMLER, JOHN A., address unknown.
- KAULER, JOHN C., both legs broken, internal injuries will die.
- KRIEBS, HARRY, of Terra Cotta; slight scalp wound. Garfield.
- KUNLO, Mrs., Washington; scalp wound.
- KUMLE, Mrs. C. J., aged forty, of 18 P street northwest, with three children (children not yet accounted for); injured about head and body. Providence.
- CUNLO, JOHN A., forty-five, of 18 P street northwest; fractured right leg; badly cut about face; brought in on relief train. Taken to Casualty Hospital.
- LAKE, FRANK, twenty-five years old, brakeman on wrecked train; cut about head, both arms broken, and injured internally. Condition precarious. Not expected to live. Providence.
- MAYWOOD, B. N., Alexandria county, Va.; foot broken.
- MOORE, Miss ANNA, address unknown.
- MOORE, CLINTON L., address unknown; left leg broken, injured internally.
- MACKLING, J. J., jeweler, twenty-five years old, of 408 M street northwest; leg fractured and injured internally about waist; had gash over left eye; condition not considered serious; at Freedman's Hospital.

- MOORE, Mrs. CLINTON L., slightly bruised.
- MOORE, G. W., wife and child, of the Sheridan, Washington.
- MOORE, J. C., thirty-five years old; cut about body and right wrist broken. Not seriously injured. Providence.
- MOORE, Mrs. J. C., thirty years old scalp lacerated, shoulder broken and right foot cut off. Condition critical. Providence.
- MOOSE, Mrs. A., 639 A street northeast.
- PEAKE, BERTHA, of Braddock Heights, Md.
- PEAKE, Mrs. D., Braddock Heights, Md.
- PROCTER, ABNER, address unknown; broken leg.
- PROCTER, CLARENCE, thirty-five years old, 1921 P street northwest, well-known Washington baseball player; compound fracture of left leg, with bone protruding through flesh; amputation necessary. George Washington Hospital.
- PROCTER, Mrs. CLARENCE, twenty-nine years old; hurt about body; George Washington Hospital.
- PROCTOR, KENNETH, city; injured about body and legs.
- PEAKE, BERTHA R., twenty-one years old, of Braddock Heights, Va.; lacerated head.
- READ, JEANETTE, ten years old; address unknown; compound fracture of left leg, face contusions; may have internal injuries; has even chance, surgeons say. Freedman's.
- REED, JAMES M., address unknown.
- REEVES, —, broken leg and shoulder. Providence Hospital.
- REMSBERG, CAMDEN, twenty-six years old, Frederick, Md.; injuries slight.
- SEGGS, B. S., 255 R street northwest.
- SMITH, ADDIE, of Doubs, Md.
- TEIRAN, Mrs. ELIZABETH, Takoma Park.
- THOMPSON, Mr. and Mrs. H. L., of 63 L street northeast, Washington.
- THOMAS, HARRY, wife, and baby, 63 L street, Washington.
- WILKINS, JOHN, who got aboard the train at Terra Cotta, had his back and ankle broken and head cut.
- WILLIAMS, ED., colored, twenty-nine years old, of 1154 Nineteenth street northwest; cut on head and hips; was able to go from depot to hospital on street car; at Emergency Hospital.
- YORK, ALFRED, Woodburn, Md.; slight wounds on head. Garfield.
- Fifteen-year-old white girl (unidentified); unconscious; both legs fractured and injured about the head; not known whether she has concussion of the brain; at Freedman's Hospital.
- Sixteen-year-old white girl (unidentified); unconscious and injuries unknown; at Freedman's Hospital.
- Unknown white man (unconscious); injuries unknown; at Freedman's Hospital.
- Unknown colored man, about forty years old, probably fatally injured; at Emergency Hospital.

Engineer Now In Cell
Ran Past Red Light
Evidence Will Show

Statement of Towerman Phillips Corroborated By Operator at University Station and Policeman Kennedy.

When the coroner's jury meets at the District morgue this afternoon to investigate the railroad wreck at Terra Cotta, D. C., evidence will be introduced that will tend to show that Engineer Harry H. Hildebrand ran his engine past the closed block at Takoma, while the tower was showing the red light.

Statement of Operator. Phillips says that after he let No. 66 into the block he set the red signal and that it was showing plainly. "When the special ran right past the red into the block, I immediately informed the operator at University Station that a train had taken the block against orders," said Phillips this morning.

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