

RAILROAD ACCIDENT REPORTS

Telegraph Operator in Brattleboro and Train Despatcher in New London Responsible for Collision Sept. 26, in Which 160 to 200 Lives Were Endangered

STATE OF VERMONT. Board of Railroad Commissioners. In re collision between Boston & Maine trains Nos. 25 and 42, near Vernon, Sept. 26, 1907, on the Central Vermont railway.

At a point about two miles north of the station at Vernon, Vermont, at 4:54 o'clock in the afternoon of Sept. 26, 1907, the regular southbound passenger train known as No. 42, and the regular northbound passenger train known as No. 25, collided on the main line of the Central Vermont Railway company. No. 42 carried from 150 to 200 passengers, while No. 25 had only nine passengers.

The cause of this collision, which came so alarmingly near causing the loss of many lives, is disclosed by the following facts: About 4 o'clock that afternoon, the Central Vermont telegraph operator at Brattleboro received from the said train despatcher at New London, Conn., the three following orders, numbered respectively 51, 53 and 55:

First. The lax custom, prevailing before this accident, of communicating to the train despatcher the conductor's signature when more than one order addressed to him is so reported, namely, the manner above indicated of reporting same together. All such orders should be severally and separately reported to the train despatcher for his approval.

time he was hit, where he was situated, whether standing or lying on the ground, is largely a matter of speculation. As the foregoing facts developed, we were suspicious that there might have been some intoxicating liquor involved in the matter, but upon the most searching inquiry, we were unable to elicit the slightest evidence tending to show any such thing. We see no good reason why we should speculate upon how the accident occurred.

We cannot find that either the Railway company, or any of its employees, unless it was Mr. Chase himself, was to blame for this accident.

JOHN W. REDMOND, ELLIOTT H. PORTER, Board of Railroad Commissioners of the State of Vermont. Official Report, Nov. 9, 1907.

VERMONT MERINO SHEEP. Descended from the Fine-Woolled Sheep Described by Roman Writers Before Dawn of Christian Civilization.

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At 11:23 o'clock that evening the Boston & Maine locomotive No. 618, with a Boston & Maine engineer and fireman and a Central Vermont pilot, started from Brattleboro bound for Springfield, Mass. They approached the Brown crossing at about 11:50. We are satisfied, and find, that the engine was not under the control of the whistling post, but no one on the engine saw any red light or signal of the whistling post.

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