

WRECK ON FRISCO
LAID TO SWELLING
OF CREEK BY RAINS

Trestle's Collapse, Which
Killed Two and Injured 68
Persons, Due to High
Water, Is Belief.

STEEL CARS AVERT
GREATER DISASTER

Passenger Coaches Fail to Go
to Pieces—Inquest to Be
Reopened Sept. 12 at
Wittenberg.

Exclusive photographs of the
wreck of the Frisco Fast Passenger
train at St. Louis, Mo., are printed to-
day on the pictorial page.

Washed out and possibly defective
piling of a trestle in a creek
caused by heavy rain Thursday
night is believed to have caused the
wreck of the Frisco Fast Passenger
train No. 35, from St. Louis to
Memphis, on the river division at
Wittenberg, 37 miles south of St. Louis,
at 11:53 a. m. yesterday, when two
passengers were killed and 68 per-
sons injured, eight of them seriously.
The passenger coaches were of steel
construction and did not collapse,
which is believed to have averted a
greater loss of life.

The communication mail and speak-
ing car, which was on the train, was
thrown through the trestle. The baggage
car was derailed and the locomotive
left the rails and rolled down an
embankment. The dining car and
three Pullman sleeping cars stopped
at the brink of the creek, remaining
on the rails.

A coroner's inquest at Wittenberg
last night adjourned to Sept. 12, after
after hearing testimony that the al-
lows of the bridge had been destroyed
and was washed out by the swollen
creek.

The inquest will be reopened at
Wittenberg, Sept. 12, when railroad
employees and officials will be sum-
moned.

Frank K. Penick, prosecuting
attorney of Perry County, told Cor-
oner Perry he had information that
the trestle had been reported unsafe as
early as Aug. 19 last. They said heavy
rains Thursday night swelled the
creek to enormous proportions and
that the water washed away the
piling supporting the center.

The trestle on which the wreck
occurred was constructed entirely of
wood, supported by what is known
as "bent pile" piling. It is 14 feet high
at its ends, 11 feet long, and 30 feet
wide at the ends. It is the only one
since the creek flows in the center,
parallel to the Mississippi River
and about 15 feet west of the river-
bank. The creek was swollen with
about 15 feet of water when the
wreck occurred and seriously im-
peded the rescue work. The topog-
raphy of the scene is strikingly sim-
ilar to that of the Baltimore-Spring-
field disaster on the Missouri Pacific Aug.
5 when 24 persons were killed and
Shardell being a rescue station
and more of a boat landing than a
railroad point. With neither tele-
phones nor telegraph, members of
the train crew were forced to wait
five miles south to Wittenberg for
Cape Girardeau and Chaffee,
where relief trains were made up.

The first of these trains, reaching
Wittenberg at 8 a. m., removed the
dead, Wittenberg and the injured
to Cape Girardeau and St. Louis.

Making 40 Miles.

The train was passing three
miles and 14 minutes late and at a
speed estimated by the engineer to
be 40 miles an hour as it approached
the trestle. Rain was falling at the
time and almost all the passengers
either were asleep or drowsing.

Grete Bishop, widow of 4755 Cool-
idge avenue, porter of the dining car, said
she had been drowsing and was awak-
ened a moment before the crash.

"The shock caused our car to
travel from end to end and then
to fall into a lump," she said. "I
heard a man cry 'My God! they're
down!' a rapid series of crashes, and
I died with the shock of the fall. I
don't know what had occurred, or
what happened."

The dining car had stopped at the
edge of the trestle, and Bishop, with
other men, rushed to the forward
vehicle and saw that two men
already had fallen through the trestle.

The train was carrying 100 pas-
sengers on Page 3, column 2.

TOTAL OF EXECUTIONS
BY THE BOLSHEVIST CHIEF
IS PLACED AT 1,766.

LONDON, Sept. 2.—The
Times says that according to
official statistics the
Bolsheviks executed 1,746
persons before today, when
the supreme political ad-
ministration last February.

The total includes 477
priests and teachers, 884
nobles, 124,216 other intel-
ligent, 124,216 other intel-
ligent, 260,000 soldiers, 15
politicians, 12,350 land own-
ers, 112,100 workmen, 11,100
peasants.

During the civil war the
Bolsheviks have had more per-
sons killed than Russia lost in
the world war.

ST. LOUIS WOMAN KILLED
AUTO WRECK AT LOUISIANA

Mrs. Edward L. Gentile, Mrs.
Monte D'Amico—Husband and
son severely injured.

Mrs. Edward L. Gentile of
McPherson, Mo., was in-
jured when an automobile in
which she was riding was wrecked in
a crash at Frankfort, Mo., today. Her husband,
Edward L. Gentile, who has
family servant for 22 years, was
killed. Gentile was driving a
large touring car.

Gentile's husband was of 15
years of age. He was born in
1885 South Thirty-ninth
St. and his wife was born in
Louisiana by train.

Mrs. Gentile was about 35
years old. She and her husband had
two children, a son and a daughter,
both of whom were in the car. The
son was in Frankfort, Mo., and
the daughter was in Frankfort, Mo.,
but did not drive. The car was
driven by the son, who was 17
years old at the time of the
accident.

Mrs. Gentile probably would be
in Frankfort today.

TOWN IN FORMOSA REPORT
WRECKED BY AN EARTH-
QUAKE

Loss of Life Is Feared, but
Lives Have Not Been
Lost.

TOKIO, Sept. 2.—A severe
quake wrecked Formosa, N.
Formosa, early this morn-
ing, according to reports from
the Japanese government.
Considerable damage to
property and loss of life is
feared.

No particulars have been re-
ceived from the Japanese
government.

Formosa, which is a small
town, and has about 100
inhabitants, and with the de-
struction of the town, about 100
lives are feared.

FATHER WHO RESCUED
CHILD DIES OF BURNS AFTER
FIRE

One Child Had Thrown
From Window, Causing
Explosion.

DANVILLE, Ill., Sept. 2.—
Hans, a coal operator at
Danville, Ill., died today of
burns after a fire in his
home. Hans was 40 years
old. He was a coal operator
and had been in the coal
business for 20 years. He was
a father of four children. His
wife was 35 years old. They
had four children, a son and
three daughters. The son was
10 years old. The daughters
were 8, 6 and 4 years old. The
fire broke out in the kitchen
and spread to the living room.
The father had been in the
kitchen and had been trying
to put out the fire. He had
thrown a child from the win-
dow. The child had been
thrown from the window and
had been killed. The father
had been in the kitchen and
had been trying to put out the
fire. He had thrown a child
from the window. The child
had been thrown from the win-
dow and had been killed.

DE VALERA REPORTED
LAST RITES FOR HIM

Attending Physicians Are
Expecting Crisis at
Any Time.

DUBLIN, Sept. 2.—Eoin
Valera has received the
last rites, according to
reports of his confessor.
However, the physicians
who have attended the crisis
of his illness are of the
opinion that he is not yet
dead. It is reliably declared here
that he has been taken to
the North Cork district and
is being attended by the
physicians. Physicians expect
that he will be taken to the
North Cork district and
is being attended by the
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