

BUFFALO BILL'S SPECIAL IN WRECK NEAR LOWELL

Lowell, Mass., May 24.—Four circus attaches were more or less severely injured when the second section of the Buffalo Bill Wild West special train was wrecked near the Brookside station on the Stony Brook branch of the Boston and Maine railroad in the town of Westford, eight miles from this city, early today. One of the injured men was removed to a hospital before his name or the extent of his injuries could be learned. The other injured men are:

SHAFFER LEEPER, Lewiston, Pa., injuries to legs and stomach.

THOMAS E. FUREY, Philadelphia, dislocated shoulder.

WILLIAM J. WOOD, Meriden, Conn., fractured knee cap.

No person was killed, but two burros had their lives crushed out when a big elephant fell upon them.

The accident was one of the most spectacular in the history of railroading in this section. The show trains were coming from Fitchburg to this city. The second section, consisting in all of 28 passenger and animal cars, and carrying 400 people, and an immense lot of animals, had reached the Brookside station and was crossing a switch leading to a siding. Col. William F. Cody's private car was attached to this section of the train.

Most of the cars were heavy animal cars of steel construction. As the train passed over the siding a truck on one of the cars was ripped off. The cause has not been determined, but it is the belief that the accident to the truck was due to what is technically known as a "split" switch. The car next to the one that lost its trucks took the switch at right angles, one end going on to the main line and the rear end going on to the side track. The car in the rear of this was derailed, and rolled over on its side. The fourth car was also badly smashed up when it jumped the track.

The wrecked cars contained elephants, horses, burros and buffaloes, as well as a number of men, who were in charge of the animals, and the injured men were riding in the car that held the buffaloes.

When the car was derailed, the men were imprisoned within its steel sides and for a time it was feared that they would be killed by the frightened buffaloes, which had started to stampede within the close limits of a freight car. The door of the car could not be opened and it was necessary to smash a hole in the steel side of the car in order to rescue the imprisoned keepers. All of them were finally removed, and then the buffaloes were lassoed and dragged out one by one and herded on the side of a hill.

Another car contained five elephants, several burros and a valuable stallion. When the car overturned, one of the elephants fell on top of two burros, crushing them to death. It was necessary in the case of this car to cut a big hole in the side in order to get out the animals. Four of the elephants had to be dragged out by the combined efforts of all the show attaches and one big elephant after the car was cleared, was able to climb out of the hole. The stallion caused more trouble than all of the other animals put

together but it was finally lassoed and dragged kicking and bucking from the car.

By this time all of the people living in the vicinity had reached the scene and volunteered to assist the cowboys, Indians and Cossacks in herding the animals. Their offers were refused however, the show hands not caring to entrust the care of the animals to strangers.

The accident occurred about 3 o'clock in the morning and blocked up the road for several hours. In order to reach Lowell on time to give the regular performances today, it was necessary for the animals and performers to make the trip over the highway, and early risers between Lowell and Westford witnessed the strange spectacle of buffaloes, elephants and various other animals plodding over the road, driven by cowboys, blanketed and painted Indians and bearded Cossacks.

Col. Cody said after the accident that the show's loss by the accident was not extensive. The principal loss falls on the owners of the cars, which are chartered by the show.

HERESY CASE IS CONSIDERED IN CLOSE SESSION

Atlantic City, N. J., May 24.—The 14 members of the judicial commission of the Presbyterian general assembly met in executive session today, considering the evidence taken in the trial of Dr. William D. Grant of Northumberland, Pa., who is accused of heresy.

The board of home missions and the committee on publication and Sabbath school work presented their reports today. The former body told what would be done with a part of the bequest of \$2,000,000 given it by the late John S. Kennedy, a member of the board.

The report says that in the west, north-west and southwest calls for spiritual aid are greater than last year.

The board says that other departments of its jurisdiction calling for greatly increased expenditures are those of church and labor, country life, and the Indian department. The board also advocates an increase in the salaries paid to missionaries.

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