

# IT JUMPED THE TRACK

## A Serious Accident on the Metropolitan Street Railway.

### SEVERAL PASSENGERS INJURED

The Accident Occurred on a Trestle—The Car Badly Wrecked—The Wrecker Is That No One Was Killed.

Yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock car No. 27, of the Metropolitan railway, jumped the track on the first trestle south of Second avenue, and Mrs. John W. Wilson and Mrs. J. H. Oida were seriously injured, and nine others were badly bruised.

The car was in charge of Conductor Halstead and Motorman McEwan, and was going down grade at the rate of twenty miles an hour when the accident occurred. There is a slight curve in the track near the trestle, and when the car, which was not evenly ballasted and was careening wildly, struck this it jumped the track, and after running about twenty feet on the pedestrian's walk, it collided with and broke the railing guarding the trestle, and then started off with a rush down a sloping mud bank thirty feet steep in a perpendicular line. Its mad career was brought to an abrupt termination by a collision with several tall pine trees, and the car now lies at an angle of forty-five degrees in a deep ravine. A little girl, whose name could not be ascertained, was buried beneath the car, but was promptly rescued from her perilous and uncomfortable position by the company's employes, who dug her out.

Fortunately for everybody, the car was an open one, for had it been otherwise, the death of several passengers might have been the result. As it was, all the windows were shattered and the passengers had narrow escapes.

Mr. Charles E. Ireland, of the Hotel Portland, and his wife, were aboard the car, and just before it ran down the embankment, he jumped, and steadying himself by grasping the rail, he seized his wife, and saved her. Mr. Ireland is badly bruised and shaken up, and his wife is severely injured.

Mrs. John Wilson, of No. 201 Twelfth street, had her left ear partly torn off, but it was sewed on at St. Vincent's hospital.

Mrs. Wilson's sister, Mrs. J. H. Oida, of Lafayette, is lying seriously injured at St. Vincent's hospital. All the muscles of the neck attached to the lower jawbone were torn away, laying bare the trachea. It is feared that the floor of her mouth is partly destroyed. There is also a comminute fracture of the right arm, and the right hand is badly crushed.

Frank Dickinson, residing at 8 South Sixth street, was badly hurt about the head and under the left eye, and otherwise injured, but not seriously.

Mr. Dickinson's daughter and a friend, Miss Josephine Burns, of Albany, escaped from the car on its downward rush, and were uninjured.

Mrs. Hammond and her little daughter, and Miss McIntosh were slightly injured.

Neither the conductor or motorman were injured, as a passenger says, they stepped "down and out" at the first sign of danger.

The accident is attributed wholly to the company's carelessness. Ever since the line was opened, the conductors and motormen have been allowed to "race down the tracks at breakneck speed. President Steel can not see how the accident occurred, but the passengers assert that the motorman was running the car at full speed to make up a lost time.