

# STRUCK

## By a Street Car.

Ten Persons Injured in a Frightful Accident.

Olentangy Park Car Crashes into a Picnic Wagon

Occupants Hurlled to the Ground and Passengers  
in the Car Received Painful Injuries

(**Columbus Evening Dispatch, August 6, 1900**) – At 8:45 last night, south-bound car No. 262 struck a transfer wagon, containing a picnic party, near Chittenden avenue, injuring the following persons:

**Mr. D.F. Bartlett**, 648 Kerr street.

**Mrs. Emma Bartlett**, same.

**C.E. Tuller**, 189 Spruce street.

**William Nye**, 187 North Garfield avenue.

**Julian Rose**, Boston Mass.

**Carl Eilbert**, 507 South Fifth street.

**Fred Gfeller**, 873 Mohawk street.

**Mr. and Mrs. S.S. Coleman**, 350 east Rich street.

Early yesterday morning Mr. William Nye, the transfer man, arranged a couple of boards in his wagon and after driving to the south end took on a small crowd of young men. They spent the day fishing up the river. About 7 o'clock they started on their homeward journey.

At the time the horses were trotting slowly between the track. According to a statement of Mr. Nye he pulled into the west tracks and glancing around saw car 262, in charge of motorman L.H. Winters and W.C. Burton coming rapidly from the north.

He says he attempted to pull the horses to the west and had partly succeeded when the car struck the corner of the end gate, pushing the wagon to one side and up on the side walk.

The occupants of the vehicle were hurlled against the side of the wagon and in some cases out on the street. There was intense excitement on the street car where

several women had fainted. No less than seven passengers besides those mentioned were thrown from their seats by the force of the collision and received slight injuries.

Probably the worst injured was Mr. C.E. Tuller, a Big Four brakeman. He was picked up unconscious and removed to his home in Pletcher's ambulance. An examination by Dr. J.F. Jones developed two broken ribs, a bruised shoulder and abdominal injuries. He was resting easy to-day but it will undoubtedly be some time before he can return to work.

Mrs. Tuller was seated next to her husband. She was thrown with considerable force to the pavement but escaped with only a few scratches and a general shake-up. Her little two year-old child fortunately in falling alighted on its mother.

Julian Rose, an actor, who has been doing a Hebrew turn at Olentangy this week, had two bones broken in his right leg below the knee. He was taken to the Protestant hospital in Fischer's ambulance and attended by Dr. Evans of North High street.

Mr. D.F. Bartlett, a laborer at the Malleable Iron works, and his wife, were seated to the left of the motorman when the crash occurred. He was thrown to the street sustaining two painful cuts near the left ankle, and a bump on the head.

His wife was not so lucky, as she received a dislocated arm and a number of bruises about the limbs. The injured arm was set this morning by Dr. Banker.

Carl Eilbert, a laborer, was on the picnic wagon. He suffered from a fractured leg and was remove to the Protestant hospital in the city ambulance. Frederick Gfeller, a companion to Eilbert was taken to the same hospital. An examination showed he received a sprained back.

A young lady seated in the rear of the car was cut on the arm. The blood flowed in copious quantities, giving her white waist a decidedly ruby appearance. She was able to continue on the car to her home. To the conductor she alleged that she was not seriously enough injured to leave her name.

Mr. Willian Nye says he was bruised in a number of places. In regard to how the mishap occurred, he claims the car was coming at a terrific rate. He noticed it, but too late to get out of the way. He lays all the blame on the motorman.

On the other hand, motorman Winters has the following to say: "I stopped to let off a passenger at Woodruff avenue. At sixteenth avenue I had off the current. At fourteenth I applied it again. The current was on full a few seconds before the incline was reached. Looking ahead I discovered, suddenly, the transfer wagon. I pounded furiously at the gong, and reversed the current. The driver of the wagon guided his horses from the east tracks on to the west just before the collision."

The motorman made every effort in bring the car to a standstill, according to witnesses, but failed. It was reported that he jumped, but this is denied by Mr. Bartlett, who was formerly a motorman.

Having had considerable experience, and being in position to see the accident Mr. barlett is more qualified possible to give a correct view than any of the passengers, which he does in the following statement: "the current was in the loop and the motorman, I think, was ringing his gong, when the wagon loomed up about 25 feet

ahead. It was then pulling of the track. The motorman turned off the power and applied the brake but not soon enough. The car moved about 20 feet, on its journey, after the crash and then moved back to the scene of the accident, for some reason or other.

At the paced where the accident occurred, the cars travel at a very rapid rate of speed owing partly to the steep down grade and the hill which is encountered from Chittenden avenue forth for nearly [??].

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## ACCIDENT VICTIMS

### Recovering Brakeman Tuller Suffering Considerable Pain.

**(Columbus Evening Dispatch, August 7, 1900)** – The persons injured in the street car accident of Sunday night are as a whole improving with the possible exception of Brakeman C.E. Tuller of the Big Four. Dr. J.F. Jones, his physician, stated to-day that his patient had had an exceedingly bad night. The physician further states that while Mr. Tuller's chance of recovering are good, still he may be confined to his room for several months.

The abdominal injury has proven very painful and caused the unfortunate man to suffer much pain, according to the physician. Mr. Carl Eilbert, another victim of the accident, was able to work to-day.

In the statement of Motorman Winters last night, it was erroneously reported that Nye's wagon turned from the east to the west. The motorman's statement was to the effect that the driver guided his horses from the west on to the tracks and afterwards turned off in the same direction as he came.