

THE RAILWAY SMASH NEAR WIGAN.

LIST OF KILLED AND INJURED.

There was considerable excitement in Dewsbury when it became known that a number of townspeople and residents in the immediate neighbourhood had been injured in the railway accident near Wigan. Many of them had left Dewsbury on Saturday, and were returning on Tuesday night in order that they might resume work yesterday morning. Nearly all of them were employed in the mills and workshops of Dewsbury, Ravensthorpe, Batley, and Soothill, the feast or pleasure fair being the holiday time for a wide area. Local surgeons have been called in to several of the sufferers, but none of the cases in Dewsbury or Ravensthorpe are believed to be of a serious character.

The following official list of killed and injured was issued yesterday:—Killed: Fred Johnson, driver, Huddersfield; Mrs. Oxley, of Dewsbury. Injured: Dixon Oxley, Bighlands-road, Dewsbury (husband), badly injured, and suffering from severe shock; Fred Oxley (3), badly injured; Arthur Oxley (13), Ethel Oxley (11), Clifford Oxley (3), all bruised and shaken; Joseph Smith, Batley, shoulder dislocated; James Jackson, Earlsheaton, Dewsbury, badly shaken; William Hemmingway, injured right foot; Ben Kershaw, Ravensthorpe, Dewsbury, injured knee; Mrs. Matilda Leek, Dewsbury, badly shaken; Carl Stead, Ravensthorpe, injured back; Mrs. Stead, same address, shaken; Joseph Pickles, Batley, bruised left leg; Mrs. Cross, Dewsbury, right leg injured; Mrs. Hannah Noel, Dewsbury, shaken; Mrs. Durrant, Batley Carr, Dewsbury, shaken; Fred Noel, shaken; Mrs. Coward, Dewsbury, right leg injured; John Rhodes, Batley, head injured; Mrs. Parkes, Dewsbury, shaken; Nancy Verity, Birstall, shaken; Mrs. Emma Wood, Dewsbury, right arm and face injured; John Oxley, Staincliffe, near Dewsbury, injured head; Mrs. Gale, Batley, shaken; Mr. Gale, same address, collar-bone and head injured.

James Jackson, who lives near Sands Mill, Earlsheaton, and who received wounds to one leg and cuts on the forehead and face, was one of the excursionists removed home last night. He travelled in the first compartment next to the brake-van with Mr. Dixon Oxley and family. He was sitting near the window when, in a moment, the train, which was going at express speed, stopped, and he was pitched into a field over the hedge of an embankment. He was unconscious for some time.

Mr. Percy Walker, son of Mr. J. W. Walker, of Healey, Batley, and Mr. Osman Asquith, son of the late Councillor Asquith, of Staincliffe, had a lucky escape. When the train was at Blackpool they got into a compartment near the engine, but were asked by the guard to change compartments, and went into a compartment at the rear of the train. Beyond being struck by the luggage on the racks they sustained no injuries.

Mr. James Hargreaves, Savile Town, was, with his wife and son, in one of the carriages that fell down the embankment.

Mr. Fred Senior, a young man living at Dewsbury, was in one of the carriages which kept on the permanent way. Describing the affair, he said—"When the carriage I was in left the metals and crashed over the sleepers I was shaken like a rat in a terrier's mouth, and bumped once to the roof of the compartment, but luckily my hard felt hat proved a good cushion, and my head received no injury. In fact, except for the fright, I was none the worse, and I was able to give a helping hand. The men, except those injured, were cool enough."

Yesterday several thousands of persons flocked to the scene of the disaster.