

"I was in the sleeping car," said he, "talking with Mr. Jennings, a friend of mine, when the accident occurred." The bridge broke down before the engine had crossed, but its momentum carried it and the tender over in safety. The middle of the train fell down at once, but the only effect it had upon the coach in which we were was to give it a slight jar. We heard cries and jumping out. I hastily put on my clothes, stuffing some portables into my overcoat pockets. Mr. Jennings and I lost no time in getting out, and when we did so were horrified at seeing the wreck, whose full extent he could not then realize. The main part of the train had fallen into the stream, and several passengers were caught in the debris. One man who was near us was struggling frantically to get free, and seeing his condition we pulled him out, with the assistance of Colonel Friedley, an attorney of the road. Owing to the position in which the cars had fallen they caught fire almost immediately from the stoves in the smoker, and the whole train was soon in flames. I never saw anything burn so rapidly. A man was caught in one of the lowest cars and would have certainly perished had it not been for Will Virden, the Pullman conductor. When the crash came he crawled out of the window of his car, and going to this man managed to get him out of the river. The water was deep enough to have drowned him, but Virden shoved out something which he caught and kept afloat with till he was picked up. In the meantime the flames were spreading rapidly, and almost before I knew it the flames were upon me. I had to scramble like everything to get out of the way, and even as it was I had my hair singed and hands and arms burned. I was glad to get off with my life, and it was the closest call I ever had. Mr. Jennings, in trying to get out of the way of the falling car, was badly

Another man who was in one of the middle cars was reciting his experience to a companion, who was congratulating him upon "his escape," as follows: "I was half asleep at the time," he said, his voice still tremulous with excitement. I had been dozing that way for an hour or two and was in an ugly dream, when I heard a crash, and realized that we were falling. We struck the water instantly, and I found myself mixed up between three or four seats and a lot of valises and coats. Getting out as quickly as possible I staggered around, half blinded by the shock, and groped my way to the door, which I found had been jammed so that it was fastened. As I failed to wrench it open I abandoned it, and got away from the other passengers, who were crowding in vainly together. The water was running underneath, and the thought of drowning in the icy current, shut up like a rat in a trap, flashed over me. The next moment I smelt the burning, and realized that the car was on fire. The horror of that moment turned me so sick that I came near fainting, but I recovered and rushed to a window, only to find it so fast that in my unnerved condition it was impossible to raise it. I tried two others and managed to get the second open wide enough to squeeze out. I dropped into the river, but cold as it was I was in mortal dread of the fire, and did not mind the water. The crew-k not deep, and though it took my breath at first, I managed to struggle out. I don't know how the others escaped, and, to tell the truth, I didn't care. The few minutes I spent in that wrecked car a whole cycle of ages, and if I ever happen to be harried alive, I won't feel any worse when I wake up in my coffin. I am fully braced but then I never

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Adjourned Term
OF THE
Monroe Circuit Court.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that there will be an Adjourned Term of the Monroe Circuit Court, November Term, held at the Court House, in Bloomington, commencing
Wednesday, January 8th, 1887
and parties and witnesses in cases pending, will take notice thereof.
By Order of Court.
Attest: D. W. BROWN, Clerk.

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