

Four persons were killed and forty injured in a collision of electric cars on the Lowell and Pelham lines, about a quarter of a mile outside of Pelham on the Nashua tracks yesterday morning about 11.20 o'clock. The cars came together almost at full speed at a curve in the road. Both motormen applied the brakes, but in vain. The cars crashed together with a sound that resembled an explosion. The list of the dead and injured, so far as has been learned, is as follows:

**THE DEAD:**

- George Gilman Andrews, Postmaster of Hudson, N. H.**  
**George Gilbert, Nashua, 65 years old.**  
**Samuel W. Mayes, Motorman, Salem, N. H., died at 9.10 p. m. at Haverhill,**  
**Albert Collette, Nashua, N. H., 18 years old.**

**THE INJURED:**

**LOWELL GENERAL HOSPITAL.**

Mrs. James Dillon, West Brookfield, Mass.; compound fracture of right knee, compound fracture of left thigh and multiple wounds on the face. Expected to die.

Mrs. Bertha Gilbert, aged 28 years, 34 East Pearl street, Nashua, N. H.; right leg amputated at thigh, lacerations of left knee and bruises over body. Condition very serious.

Mrs. Sylvia Gilbert, mother of the above named, 34 East Pearl street, Nashua, N. H.; left leg amputated at thigh, right leg contused and bruised with slight bruises about head and body. Condition very serious.

Mr. Charles Gilbert, aged 28 years, husband of Mrs. Bertha Gilbert, 34 East Pearl street, Nashua, N. H.; fracture of shoulder blade, severe bruises about body and left leg. Condition not serious.

Mrs. George G. Andrews, Hudson, N. H., wife of George Gilman Andrews who was killed; scalp wound, bruises on face and a puncture wound of the abdomen. Condition serious.

Mrs. Henry Beauchemin, 7 Gage street, Lowell, Mass.; compound comminuted fracture of right leg and fracture of left leg, lacerations and wounds on face, half of right ear cut off. Condition serious.

Mrs. Mary Costello, Laton house, Nashua, N. H.; simple compound fracture of left leg below the knee. Condition not serious.

Miss Nellie Costello, Wilton, N. H.; slight injuries to both legs and contusions of right side. Condition not serious.

George Gilbert, 3 years-old son of Bertha Gilbert, scratches on face. Not serious.

James Costello, 2-years-old son of Mrs. Mary Costello, slight bruises, not serious.

**LOWELL HOSPITAL.**

Sherman Smalley, 30 years old, Wilder street, Chelsea, Mass., left shoulder and knee injured, slight injuries to left leg. Discharged from hospital.

Michael Glynn, 64 years old, 71 Essex street, Nashua, N. H., scalp wound three inches long. Discharged from hospital.

Paul Thibault, Derry Depot, N. H., 30 years old, sprained left ankle and shoulder. Condition not serious.

**ST. JOHN'S HOSPITAL.**

Edward McEvoy, 42 years old, Marblehead, Mass., gash over left eye, possibly internal injuries. Condition very serious.

**TAKEN TO THEIR HOMES.**

Mr. Frank Cobb, confectioner in Bridge street, residence, 102 First street; injuries to back and side with possible internal injuries. Condition quite serious.

Miss Annie E. Cobb, 21 years old, daughter of above, injured about body, general shaking up. Condition not serious.

**INJURED TAKEN TO NASHUA, N. H.**

Miss Rosanna Palardy of Nashua, taken to Emergency hospital, both hips fractured.

Clara Palardy and Miss Mary Palardy, sisters of above, taken to their home, 102 West Pearl street; bruised and shaken up. Not serious.

John Malone, 40 years old, of Amherst street, Nashua, cuts and bruises about the body.

E. A. Terrell, 34 Canal street, Nashua, N. H., 40 years old; left shoulder broken.

**THE FATAL CRASH.**

The scene of the accident was on the Mansfield farm, which is about a minute's run from Pelham. In going to Nashua, the car follows the public highway for a short distance, and then breaks off into the private land. Up to this point, the car usually has considerable speed, but the moment that the company's land is entered, the power is turned on, and the car jumps along at a rate that under the most favorable conditions is suggestive of danger to the passenger unaccustomed to fast electric car travelling.

The car that left Pelham at 11.15 yesterday morning was manned by Conductor Howard Fox and Motorman Pliny Knapp, both of whom are said to be new men on the line. That they travelled fast there is no doubt. The car went along at a high rate of speed until it entered the private land, and then the wheels turned with greater velocity, for here, the car was supposed to have absolute right of way. After turning into private land, there is a curve about 300 yards distant. The curve is about 75 yards in length, and then comes a straight stretch for a distance of half a mile. The Nashua car was already late, and was trying to make up time, so that it was going at its speed limit.

The car bound for Nashua apparently had a clear track, and it was travelling at a fast pace. The result was that when the motormen first saw the danger, the distance that separated the cars was small, and the speed of the cars was great. Pliny Knapp of the car north bound saved his life by jumping, after he had applied the brakes. Samuel Mayes, the motorman of the approaching car, applied the brakes full force, and the wheels ceased to turn, but slipped along the track as if the track were greased. Mayes did not jump. He stood at his post. There was a crash, followed by the sound of breaking timbers a second later. Mayes was impaled by timber and iron. Passengers were struck by flying splinters, and were thrown about by the terrific shock resulting from the sudden hold-up. The roofs of both cars fell in. The car coming from Nashua, having a greater speed than the other car, was forced on top and for a distance of

**INJURED TAKEN TO HAVERHILL.**

Charles E. Gould, 45 Howard street, Haverhill; wrist injured.

C. M. Webster, 35<sup>1</sup> Davenport street, Haverhill, arms bruised.

Mrs. G. M. Webster, leg hurt.

Mrs. Edward Mayor and child, 23 Hale street, Haverhill; leg injured; child bruised on forehead.

Maud A. Sleeper, West Derry, N. H.; head injured, taken to Hale hospital.

L. Belknap, Beverly, Mass.; hip hurt, taken to Hale hospital.

forced on top and for a distance of 10 feet, had the other car under it.

On the Nashua car were 54 passengers, on the car bound for Nashua were only 16. Of the 70, there were four killed, and something like 40 injured. The heroic Mayes, who stood by his car, pleaded to be killed, and at intervals expressed a fear that he might have been partly responsible for the accident. Later, death came to his relief.

A boy named Albert Collette was dead when taken from the car, and George Gilbert, an old man, lived only a few moments after the collision. The injured were removed to Lowell, Nashua and Haverhill hospitals. On the way to Lowell, Andrews died. Others seriously injured will die. The accident will go down as one of the worst in the history of electric railroading in New England.