

COLLISION ON THE G.E.R.

A collision by which several persons were injured occurred on Saturday night at Marks Tey, a station five miles to the south-west of Colchester. The train involved was that leaving Liverpool Street, London, at half-past five. At Marks Tey, which is a junction for Sudbury, the train slipped the rear carriages as usual, but on entering the station the driver found the signals against him, and brought the train to a stop. The slipped carriages, however, came on, and ran into the rear of the standing train, with the result that several passengers were injured.

A lady—Mrs. Frost, of Little Clacton—was taken on to the Essex and Colchester Hospital. Mrs. Frost was travelling with her little daughter in a corridor carriage. The child was unhurt, but the mother, it is feared, has been internally injured. The guard, George Bonner, of Bury St. Edmunds, sustained a severe cut on the head. Other passengers who were slightly injured included a compositor named Rankine, who was travelling from Bow to visit friends at Colchester; a carpenter named Arthey, of Colne, Essex; and a dealer named Minter, of Boxted, Colchester. Mr. Joy, a draper, of Sudbury, was found on the floor of a carriage with a number of heavy parcels which had fallen from the racks. He complained of injury to his back, but was able to resume his homeward journey. The accident appears to have been due to foggy weather, which prevented the signals from being clearly seen. The engine driver was unhurt.

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SCHOOL ATTENDANCE CASES. — *George Minter*, labourer, Langham, was summoned for not sending his child Alice, aged nine, to school at Langham, on Nov. 3.—Defendant's wife appeared, and pleaded guilty, but stated that her husband was obliged to keep the child at home to take out the little ones.—Mr. Henry Goldsmith, schoolmaster, proved the case in the absence of the School Attendance Officer through indisposition. He stated that the child had passed no standard.—The CHAIRMAN cautioned the defendant's wife, the case being dismissed on her undertaking to send the child to school in the future.

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