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81 KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK

Eighty-one people were killed, more than 500 injured when the Breker, the crack businessman's express crashed down a 26-foot embankment at Woodbridge, 24 miles out of New York. Owing to cancellations on other lines due to a strike, the 11-coach train was overcrowded, its corridors packed with those returning from work. As it crossed a temporary trestle bridge the train wobbled, the engine reared like a horse and (with eight coaches) whipped down the steep embankment. From the twisted wreckage rescue workers bring out the injured and dead under the fierce glare of arc-lights.

Oxy-acetylene torches blaze as the steel coaches are cut open to rescue the trapped. To reach others, fire escape ladders have to be called into action. The accident happened on a temporary by-pass line put into use only the day before whilst a new bridge is being built on the usual route.

It's the worst railroad accident in New Jersey's history and the third big wreck on the New York lines this year.