

The incoming passenger train from the west was not stopped until the two locomotives "cornered" at the switch, the passenger engine being thrown into the ditch and several coaches piling upon the wreck.

A statement given out by officials of the railroad company explains that the switch at the east end of the siding was open through mistake and that the responsibility probably lies with some member of the crew of the freight train.

George W. Rudlo, in the rear Pullman from Omaha, with his wife, was fearfully burned by steam, and in spite of all medical aid died half an hour after the accident in great agony.

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Irving and Terry arrive. Hide in their respective hotel quarters and order "No Cards."

Bram Stoker talks for Sir Henry. Knighted Actor Likes American Audiences because of their quick perception, and he will most probably come again.

Scheduled to arrive in Omaha at 2 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the special train bearing the Irving-Terry company, did not reach the Union depot until two hours later on account of an accident at a station near Sioux City.

Went to his health. His representative, Mr. Bram Stoker, said: "Though I have been in the long trip from Minneapolis, which we left immediately after the performance of 'Sunday night,' they are in excellent health and excellent spirits."

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