

# A Pilot's Nose

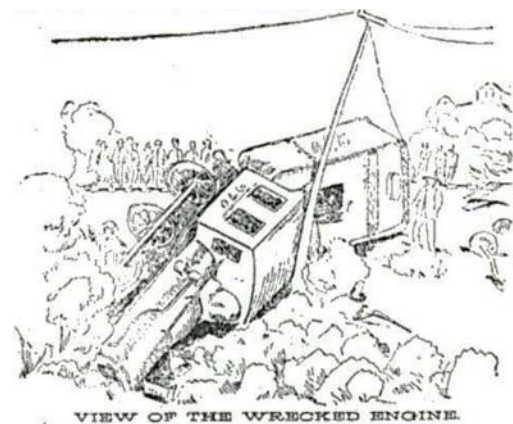
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**CAUSES A SERIOUS WRECK AT THE B&O CROSSING**  
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**Engineer Killed, Fireman Injured and Cars Demolished.**

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**Engine Thrown Down an Embankment West of the City  
Details of the Disaster.**

**(Columbus Dispatch, July 14, 1894)**

The Pilot of a Baltimore & Ohio freight engine stuck its nose in the ground at the Pan Handle Crossing northwest of the city shortly before five o'clock last evening and caused a wreck in which an engineer lost his life, a fireman was seriously injured and valuable rolling stock damaged. B. & O. local freight No. 190 was just reaching the city off the Midland division and pulling over the Pan Handle crossing near the Olentangy river. The train was hauled by engine No. 970 in charge of Thomas Ramsey, engineer with Theodore Caw as fireman. C. M Robuck was conductor with J.H. Colrig head brakeman and Clark O'Dowd and D. M. Barker rear brakeman.



Just as the engine was pulling at fair speed over the crossing, which is quite a rough one, the engine rolled about sufficiently to permit the pilot to touch one of the rails in the double track crossing and up went the engine. It jumped the rails, ran fifty feet and then slid down a twenty-foot embankment landing on its side against a telegraph pole and turned almost completely around from the direction in which it was going.

Engineer Ramsey saw his peril and either jumped or dropped to the track, after being squeezed between the engine and tank. If able to do so he had not time to get up before a box car in the train reached him from the momentum and ran over both legs, severing the right above the ankle and mashing the left from the knee to the ankle. Fireman Caw jumped from the other side to the north and broke his left ankle the rest of the crew ran to their assistance, finding Engineer Ramsey unconscious. Patrols No. 1 and No. 2 took the injured men to the Protestant Hospital, but the unfortunate engineer lived but a few minutes after reaching there. The body was taken to the morgue, viewed by coroner Herbst and taken this morning at 7:15 to

Newark, where a bereaved family of a wife and three small children reside. The home of Fireman Caw was also at Newark and he was taken there at 8:30 last night.

The engine in sliding down the embankment was considerable damaged, while five cars – three box, one flat and one gondola – were wrecked and thrown down the embankment. The box cars contained wheat en route to Baltimore and as the grain poured out of the wrecked cars scores of people, gathered it up in buckets and bags for chicken feed. The wreck crew was at work this morning raising the engine and cars and reloading what wheat was not spoiled by dirt and the rain of last night.

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