

# SLEEP

## CAUSES A WRECK AT [BIG WALNUT].

### Passenger and Freight Come Together, But No One Is Hurt

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Sunbury, O., July 26 – Overcome by sleep a brakeman at 1:30 o'clock this morning was the unconscious cause of a wreck at Big Walnut siding a mile from this place, that might have been infinitely more serious than it was. Freight train No. 24, southbound, on the C. A. & C. railroad, had run onto the siding to await the passing of passenger No. 27, northbound. A brakeman had been sent out ahead to adjust the switch in order that the passenger might pass. While awaiting he fell asleep. The consequence was that when the passenger arrived it dash into the siding and collided with the freight head-to-head. The cowcatcher of both engines were demolished and the monsters were otherwise badly damaged. The tender of the freight was wrecked and the first car back of it badly telescoped. Fortunately, the engineer of the passenger was able to reverse his engine in time to prevent a more serious catastrophe. The engine men on both locomotives being save by jumping. The wreck crew was hurriedly summoned from Mt. Vernon and in a few hours traffic was able to be resumed.

Engineer Harkness of the passenger train had his engine almost stopped when it struck the freight engine.

Following were the crews: Train No. 27: Engineer William Harkness, conductor John Clarkson, brakeman Wolfe and King. Train No. 24: Engineer John Braggy, conductor John Weil, brakeman Robinson and Murphy.