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AWFUL RAILWAY SMASH.

TRAINS IN COLLISION.

LONG LIST OF CASUALTIES

FORTY-THREE PERSONS KILLED.

SEVENTY-EIGHT PASSENGERS INJURED.

BELIEVED MORE WILL DIE.

IDENTIFYING THE DEAD.

PATHETIC SCENES.

The railway accident which occurred at Sandringham last night is the most appalling that has been recorded in the history of the Victorian railways.

There have been several very big disasters, including those which occurred some years ago at Windsor, Hawthorn, Jolimont, and Werribee, but none of them approached in the awfulness of their results to that of last night, when a train from Bendigo overtook another from Ballarat at the Sandringham station and crashed into it.

The rear carriages of the Ballarat train were smashed almost to atoms, and the loss of life and injury to passengers was terrible.

The full effects of the accident had not at the time of writing, been ascertained, but they are certainly appalling.

At least forty-three of the passengers by the Ballarat train were killed outright, or have subsequently succumbed to their injuries.

A very large number of other passengers were injured, and it is feared that several of them cannot survive. Most of them are now in the Melbourne, Alfred, St. Vincent's, and other hospitals.

Hereafter we give the latest information regarding the tragedy, as far as was obtainable up to the time that this edition went to press.

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THE DEAD AND THE INJURED.

A HEARTBREAKING RECORD

THE VERY LATEST DETAILS.

THE PREMIER AND MINISTER OF RAILWAYS.

HE PROMISES FULL INVESTIGATION

THE GOVERNOR-GENERAL

TELEGRAM OF SYMPATHY

The Excellency the Governor to-day received the following telegram from the Governor-General, who is at present in New South Wales:—

"Distressed to hear of terrible railway accident. Should be glad if our sympathy can be conveyed to bereaved families and relatives of sufferers."

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