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WHOLESALE MURDER.

The late appalling catastrophe on the Michigan Southern Railroad adds another to the frightful list of calamities by which a large number of human beings have been hurried into eternity "unhouseled, unanointed, with all their imperfections on their head." In this last railway slaughter only forty of fifty persons perished by a dreadful death, while forty or fifty more will bear on their persons for a time or forever the marks of the disaster. An accident of this kind, like all similar ones that have occurred, is to inspire horror and regret for a little while; the public journals will protest with more or less of energy against the immunity of crime, and will call on the proper authorities to make a rigid investigation of the circumstances connected with the casualty, and to hold to a strict accountability the officers of the company and the conductor and engineer. Perhaps some faint mockery of examination will be had, and after a little whitewashing process has been duly gone through, the usual verdict will be rendered "Nobody to blame." The press will then resume its objurgation; the public will speedily forget the painful excitement; the rush of new events will completely obliterate the memory of this destructive incident; railroads will be patronized as freely as ever, and no one will recall the murder of half a hundred citizens until another horrible catastrophe awakens dim recollections of the past. The frequency of these bloody tragedies is not scarcely be suspected by those who do not keep the record of them. The *New York Herald* publishes the annexed list of railroad disasters which have occurred in this country since 1853, and pertinently asks "in how many instances have the company been held accountable for the loss of life?"

We can answer, "in none." The fact that has been wring from juries has been a pecuniary indemnity, which, as it falls on innocent stockholders, and is divided amongst many, is a cheap and easy mode of paying the score for broken limbs, bodies in pieces, and every conceivable variety of mangling and mutilation. Here is the

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Camden and Ohio.....	March 27, 1853	3	24
Long Island.....	April 26, 1853	21	54
New York & New Haven	May 6, 1853	46	24
Lake Shore and Michigan Southern	Jan. 1, 1854	2	14
Boston and Amboy.....	August 9, 1853	4	20
Hudson River	Sept. 4, 1853	20	60
Connecticut River	Aug. 12, 1853	14	24
Camden and Amboy.....	Aug. 29, 1853	2	60
Harlem.....	Aug. 29, 1853	22	67
Long Island.....	Nov. 1, 1853	18	30
New York Central	Dec. 8, 1853	22	60
Pennsylvania Road	July 17, 1854	66	100
Erie Railroad	Sept. 27, 1858	2	20
Boston and Worcester	Oct. 5, 1853	1	8
Western, Canada	March 7, 1857	60	15
New York Central	May 11, 1858	2	67
Ohio and Mississippi	July 19, 1853	20	40
Michigan Southern	June 27, 1859	40	28
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