

**'END OF THE LINE'**—Scene at Colorado and Eagle Rock Blvds., Eagle Rock, where runaway Los Angeles Transit Lines streetcar jumped track and jammed into six automobiles, three of which are shown. One was brand new. Rear end of trolley was smashed.

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## Five Hurt in Wild Ride of Runaway Streetcar

Crewless Trolley With Lone Woman Passenger Jumps Tracks, Rams Cars

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standing near by, was cut by flying glass. Adolph Friedman, 61, of 213 S. Soto St., received bruises.

One of the six parked cars badly damaged by the runaway streetcar was brand new. The rear end of the streetcar was badly smashed up in the crash.

Motorman Arthur Sweetman, 34, of 5200 S. Normandie Ave., and Miss Doyle Williams, 28, conductorette, of 5111 Second Ave., hitchhiked to the scene of the final crash when they found their car missing, witnesses told police.

With a lone woman passenger aboard, an unattended runaway streetcar yesterday sped wildly west along 10 blocks of down-graded Colorado Blvd. in Eagle Rock, and collided with two automobiles before jumping the curved track at Eagle Rock Blvd., skidding sideways over a half-block of pavement and coming to rest heavily against six other automobiles parked at the curb.

The woman who made the trip aboard the Los Angeles Transit Lines streetcar is Mrs. Dora Kirkpatrick, 41, of 1715 N. Ave. 56. She received a badly sprained arm and suffered from shock.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick told police she boarded the car at the end of the line, Colorado Blvd. and Townsend Ave. Both the motorman and the conductorette left the car, she said, and a short time later the car began to roll.

### Two Women Injured

"At first," said Mrs. Kirkpatrick, "I thought I was imagining things, but as the car gained speed I realized what really was happening. I started to jump, but was afraid to. So, I just stood up and held onto a seat handle." She was thrown violently toward the front of the car as it struck the curve and jumped the track, Mrs. Kirkpatrick said.

Of the two vehicles struck by the streetcar as it careened down Colorado Blvd., one was a taxicab, which police have not as yet located. The other was being driven by Mrs. Irene Brown, 49, of 1220 Colorado Blvd., with her 82-year-old mother, Mrs. Anna Hunrichs, as passenger. Mrs. Brown was treated at Pasadena Ave. Receiving Hospital for a minor head injury. Her

mother received a bruised chest and possible fractured ribs.

As the streetcar, its wheel trucks twisted sideways, rolled across the pavement of Eagle Rock Blvd. and crunched into the parked cars, Charles Rothwell, 19, of 4353 San Raphael St.,



Mrs. Dora Kirkpatrick

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**RUNS WILD**—This streetcar, at rest at last at intersection of Colorado and Eagle Rock boulevards where it jumped track, smashing

seven autos, slipped brakes while crew was eating and raced six blocks before final crash. One passenger was aboard. (Story is on Page 5.)

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## Streetcar in wild dash; five injured

One thing Mrs. Dora Kirkpatrick never bargained for when she paid her 16 cents was a wild, one-mile ride aboard a streetcar at 60 miles an hour—with no one to operate it.

But that's what happened when Mrs. Kirkpatrick, 41, of 1715 N. Ave. 46, boarded an unattended car at the end of the line at Townsend St. and Colorado Blvd. in Eagle Rock.

After she paid her fare things began to happen. The streetcar began to move downhill and before it came to a stop it had bounced a taxicab and another automobile out of the way, and had smashed into six parked automobiles. Five people were hurt.

The car jumped the track where Colorado turns into Eagle Rock Blvd., and hit the parked cars.

Mrs. Kirkpatrick miraculously emerged from the wild ride with only a badly sprained arm and a case of shock.

Others injured in the melee were Mrs. Irene Brown, 49, of Colorado Blvd., and her mother, Mrs. Anna Hunrichs, 82. Mrs. Brown's car was one of two hit by the streetcar en route. The two women were treated at Pasadena Ave. Receiving hospital.

Charles Rothwell, 19, of 4353 San Raphael St., a bystander, was cut by glass while trying to aid Mrs. Kirkpatrick.

Also hurt was Adolph Friedman, 61, of 213 S. Soto St., who received bruises. Both Rothwell and Friedman were treated at the scene.

A missing figure in the excitement was the driver of a taxicab hit by the streetcar. Police were unable to locate him.

Motorman Arthur Sweetman, 34, of 5200 S. Normandie Ave., and Conductorette Doyle Williams, 28, of 5411 Second Ave., were in a nearby restaurant while all this happened.

They hitchhiked to the streetcar's final resting place.

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## 60 Injured by Wild Street Car

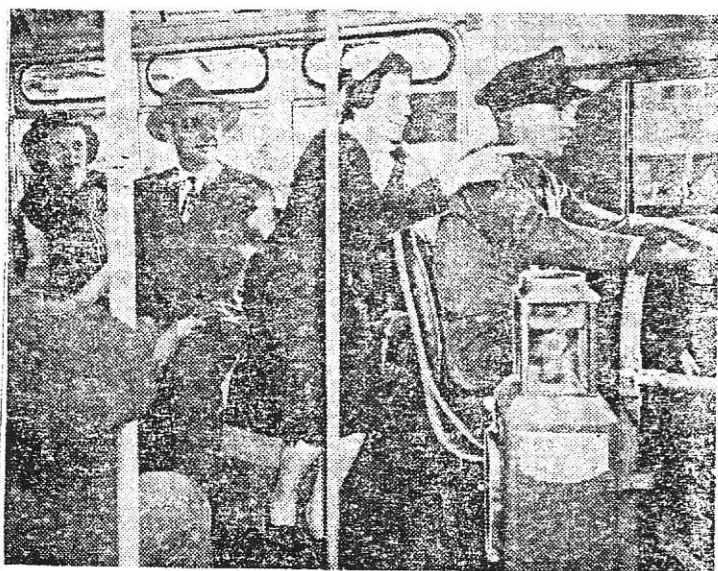
By Associated Press

VANCOUVER, B.C., Feb. 25.—More than 60 persons were injured, one seriously, when an interurban car ran out of control on Hastings street in downtown Vancouver, B. C., with the motorman, James Dinsmore, 31, "frozen" to the controls by a defect in the mechanism. He was paralyzed by the shock of an estimated 500 volts of electricity. The 50-ton car hurtled out of the car barns, struck two other street cars and two automobiles.

## Transit Strike Called in Oakland

By International News Service

OAKLAND, Cal., June 8.—Three thousand train, bus and streetcar operators and maintenance workers employed by the key system were ordered today to go on strike at 12:01 a. m. Wednesday.



**BACK-SEAT DRIVING**, a traffic hazard, is demonstrated by Mrs. Rawson Davis, Women's Division, to Frank Lampley, operator of Transit Lines coach. Safety engineer C. A. Tengblad and M. E. Dietz are in the coach, which today races against a car driven by a motorist.

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