

ELEVEN HURT IN TRAIN CRASH NEAR BRISBANE

BRISBANE, Thurs.—Eleven persons were injured, one seriously, when the Gympie express crashed into the rear of a crowded suburban train at Eagle Junction station, four miles from the city, tonight.

Two carriages were telescoped into matchwood, trapping the injured in twisted wreckage.

Police and firemen, armed with axes, hacked their way to the victims.

The station lawn was converted

into an emergency hospital. Doctors and ambulance men gave first aid on the scene.

The crash occurred at 6.9 p.m.

As the stationary train was preparing to leave the station, the Gympie express rounded the curve 30 yards away and, with all brakes on, skidded 98 feet into the rear carriage.

All the injured were residents of the city and suburbs.

Most seriously injured was Anne Catchpool (22), single, of Ascot, who suffered a compound fracture of the left leg and fractured right leg and pelvis. Her condition is serious.

Included among the injured was Mrs. Violet Weston, of Ascot, and her four children, whose ages range from two to seven years.

All the injured were in the last two carriages of the suburban train.

The Gympie engine driver, Thomas Percy Walsh, said he was travelling at 15 m.p.h. when he sighted the stationary train.

"It was too late to stop," he added. "I hit the brakes and hung on."

"The rear suburban carriage was telescoped 15 feet into the adjoining carriage."