

# Cossacks, Indians and Buffalo Bill

## Chapter Three

1904 Indians in train wreck

*On April 7, the train carrying sixty-three Indians, traveling to Washington to see the president before sailing to Europe, was rear-ended at Melrose Park, Ill. In a heavy fog while held at a block signal, the engine of a fast mail plunged into and demolished the rear coach in which the Indians were staying. The car took fire... and rescuers worked at the debris with axes and crow bars to extricate the dead and injured. Twenty-three were injured and three Indians were killed: Chief Iron Train, Thomas Keneslaka, and Kills Aeahahead. Among the injured was Chief White Horse, who requested to be laid down near the bodies of the dead, where he sat smoking his pipe and giving messages to friends.*