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Coaches Telescope One Another and Pullman Becomes a Battering Ram—One of the Worst Disasters in the History of Canadian Railways—Fighting the Fire.

London, Ont., Dec. 29.—Thirty persons are dead as a result of the G.T.R. collision near Wainstead on Friday night. The injured number considerably more. These latter include many who may die from their injuries. They sustained all manner of hurts, and when they reached the hospital at London were so covered with blood that they could not be recognized. Their appearance simply beggars description.

Many of the dead had suffered frightful hurts, heads were cut off, legs were wrenched from the bodies, blood flowing like water and the scene of the carnage became more like the floor of a slaughter house than a mere stretch of snow covered level highway in the midst of a sleeping rural land.

There was not a house to be seen anywhere through the steam, and it proved when daylight came, that there was none within a distance too far to carry the mail. Most fortunately, the two Pullman cars on the train did not sustain any damage.

They were warm and comfortable, and what were a few moments before psalms sleeping compartments for scores of weary travellers became a temporary hospital. They were placed in the berths, and what was possible to assuage the bleeding wounds which were sustained by nearly everyone was done.

This was, however, very little; there was hardly any water to be had. Snow was brought in in the endeavor to quench the terrible thirst of the suffering. A few of the passengers chanced to have whiskey in their possession, and this proved a fortunate thing. The liquor is credited with saving the lives of a number of the severely injured, who had given up hope but for the stimulating effects of the whiskey.

Saved From Added Horror. The fear of a fire breaking out led to a determined watch being instituted, but in spite of this vigilance, the wreck was scarcely saved from a fire that would have added, untold horror.

One of the passengers, who was no more a hero than his fellows, only that he had a reserve of mind and had the better how to work, organized a snow brigade. To their unceasing struggles is due the fact that the fire was kept in check and did no damage.

The fire broke out in the very midst of the wreckage on one occasion, and as there was nothing with which to quench it but the snow, the extent of the battle in which these heroes engaged can better be imagined than described. They scraped the snow from the side of the trucks, and they brought it in handfuls from between adjoining tracks and the side of the railway. With the snow they fell upon the flames, literally smothering them with their hands and their coats, which they had flung from their shoulders.

The tiny fire broke out again, and again the brigade returned to the struggle, and they finally succeeded, but the fire kept noble men from assisting in other work in the relieving of the imprisoned people.

Head-On Collision. It was a head-on collision between the Pacific express for Chicago and an east-bound freight. The express was nearly two hours late and was making fast time. The freight was endeavoring to make a siding to have the track clear for the express and failed by a couple of minutes. The



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engines came together near the west end of the switch with a fearful crash and overturned into the ditch. The baggage and the express cars telescoped into the smoker with appalling results, while the other passenger cars were piled upon each other in a fearful wreck.

There was an awful crash, the locomotive reared up and fell into the ditch, the baggage car of the express telescoped into the smoker, the shrieks and cries of the wounded and dying filled the air.

Wainstead, the scene of the disaster, is on the Sarnia Beach of the G.T.R., in Lambton county. It is forty-two miles west of London, and seventeen miles east of Sarnia, between King's Court and Wyoming. It is a village of 200 inhabitants. It is twelve miles from Petrolka. Wainstead is a station where no operator is maintained over night. There is very little business picked up, and only the accommodation trains stop there. They run in the hours of daylight, and so the railway company do not see the necessity of keeping a telegrapher. In this instance, the fact was very unfortunate, and, because of it, news of the catastrophe did not reach London in time for a wrecking crew to leave here much before 12:30 o'clock.

Agent A. Carson, at Watford, failed to deliver his orders for train No. 5. The Pacific express was running two hours late, and the night tried to make a siding, and failed by a minute. Then death came.

VEVEXED QUESTIONS.

Marriage Prospects Discussed by Rachel Challice.

ARTICLE IV. "Why don't they marry?" I am asked by readers of my recent remarks on the sufferings of girls in the arena of work, "and there would not be so many modern martyrs." "Because," I reply, "although marriage has been often termed the proper profession for women, there is no profession to which the paths are so closed for the middle-class girl."

The girls of the so-called "upper ten thousand," and those of the "lower classes" have both ample opportunities of consorting with the opposite sex; the former, because they constantly meet at all the festivities and entertainments of their exclusive sets, besides being invited to join large house parties of the same county families, and the latter because they are thrown together in the work of markets, factories, and other fields of labor. But the daughters of the middle class, which comprises all our professional and business men, are almost as much shut off from any prospect of marriage as if they lived in convents, and so numbers of them go down to the grave in spinsterhood.

"We are selfish men," wrote Wordsworth, and this is true, and being said by the fathers who, unlike French parents, provide no dot nor wedding portion for the daughters, and by the brothers who take no pains to introduce possible admirers to their sisters. It was otherwise in olden days, when a present of sheep or cattle from the bridegroom made the men members of the family anxious to promote marriage. The question has been aptly quoted in the admirable book "How to be happy though married." "Why should I give a woman half my victuals for cooking the other half?" is an unvarnished way of putting the state of the case, which is still more difficult when there is not provision enough for two, and when objection might be taken to the wife's culinary efforts. The French dot or dowry prevents self-respecting girls being sent to sink her happiness in what may be below par (except unexpected pun) as a monetary investment, but precious beyond price as a share in the mine of affection. Beyond the dilligent want of dowry for our middle-class girls, the absence of men is a serious drawback to spinsters. In the country they are conspicuous by their absence through their migration to cities, on business and professional calls, and in the city they are too busy until the evening to think of social gatherings. Thus spinsters assemble in numbers on their afternoon "At Home" days, sip strong tea, and chat commonplace, with no man to see their charming costumes, or better still, to talk on topics congenial to both. And then, when evening comes, I have often heard these different spinsters will arrive and play whist in the smoking room downstairs, while the sisters are discreetly shut in the drawing-room, and rarely, if ever, meet their brothers' friends.

To judge from Savage Landor's account in "The Forbidden Land," even the half-savage villages in the far north of India have a better plan of a social basis on which marriages can be arranged for he tells us of the Rambang, or Club, at which young men and maidens meet and make each other's acquaintance during the diversions of chatting, singing, and spinning. And in our civilized cities it seems a great pity that men, who are busy all day, cannot find some congenial welcome in the evening by their friends' parents, and in the simple life of the home circle, perhaps discover, her who might prove "the inspirer of Stuart Mill's wife." As John Stuart Mill said of his wife, "she was a selfish man," many might again remark, in this matter. For the daughter of a major of a crack regiment at one of our great camps said to me, when I saw several smart officers salute her, as we passed by, "Oh! yes, many girls envy me here, but my acquaintance with all these men begins and ends with their salutes, for father never brings one to the house, as he says he has enough of them on duty." "What do you want me to take you to that naval ball for?" said a young officer, "I know, to his sister, who was staying with him, and who naturally wished to attend the festive. I had not want to go myself, as I have thought, so as you will have me at home, what more do you want?" And, although this brother always thus declined to

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JOHN L. WHITING, Clerk of the Peace, Frontenac.

Dated at Kingston, 9th day of December, A.D., 1902.

take his sister out, he now looks at her, as the years leave their mark on her face, and says in a reproachful tone: "Why ever are you not married?"

Of course there are pleasant exceptions to the selfish men who even boast of never introducing a friend to their sisters; and those exceptions show the success of opening the door to Prince Charming, instead of expecting him to appear, as in fairy tales, through closed windows and barred doors. Six sisters I know, neither rich, beautiful, or very clever, have all found suitable husbands among their brothers' friends, whom the parents, albeit at some inconvenience to themselves, constantly welcomed in a homely, friendly way; whereas six others of my acquaintance, although better off, better looking, and more educated, are still spinsters, and likely to be so, as men are only asked to the house on the occasion of a formal dinner or dance, after which their mother, or sisters, leave their pasteboards on the family.

Then, would not girls be less at a discount if people, like the founder of the British Women's Emigration Association, had less reason for complaint at the lack of women in the colonies? When a son of a family emigrates, why should not funds be forthcoming for a sister to accompany him—not as a hanger-on, but as a helpmeet? And the value of her services in the domestic life should, as a colonist recently said at the Women's Institute, entitle such a sister to be a partner in the profits of ranch, sheep farm, or orange grove. For it is not good for a woman to be treated as a mere dependent, with no real hold on the home in which she works. I wonder if those who bemoan the increasing number of spinsters will think with me that the promise of a dowry, albeit small, pleasant, social, homely evenings, and the emigration of sisters to brothers who need them in the colonies, would very much add to the pleasantness, plentifulness, and possibilities of our girls' marriage prospects?

Girl's Terrible Death. Vienna, Dec. 29.—At Gedenburg, in Hungary, the bells of the town, a girl of eighteen, complained of illness the other day and became insensible. A doctor decided that she was dead, and the girl was placed in a coffin, which was carried to an unheated room.

Next day a Sister of Mercy, who came to prepare the body for burial, was horrified to find that it had moved. A medical examination proved that the girl, who was not really dead, had only been in a trance, and after regaining consciousness for a short time had succumbed to the intense cold of the room. An official inquiry is to be held.

Weds. Army Lieutenant. Chicago, Ill., Dec. 29.—The wedding of Miss Alice Chandler and Lieut. Oliver L. Spaulding, Jr., took place today in Christ Reformed church in the presence of a brilliant assemblage of guests. The bride's bridesmaids were of the most prominent families of Chicago and is a graduate of the University of Michigan. Lieut. Spaulding is a son of Gen. O. L. Spaulding, assistant secretary of the treasury, and at present is stationed at Fort Monroe.

PIGEON FROM ANDRE.

Officer finds Bird on the Height of Land. Montreal, Dec. 29.—Charles A. Bramble, of the Canadian Pacific railway, has received word from an old Hudson Bay officer living near the Height of Land, that two or three years ago an Indian woman, living in the district immediately south of James Bay, though at a considerable distance from it, killed a strange bird with a piece of tin tied to its leg. The correspondent thinks it may have been one of Andre's pigeons.



Now It's All Off. "I thought her marriage was coming off during New Year's week?" "It was, but her engagement came off during Christmas week."

The Church's Leanness. Canadian Churchman. The letter of W. D. Gwynne, of Toronto, one of the ablest and hardest working of laymen, shows a lamentable lack of numbers, to say the least of it, among the clergy in the home diocese of Ontario. What is the reason of this? Have we no young men for the home mission field? There is a movement among divinity students to devote their means, their energy, their lives, in foreign mission work, a feeling at its best, when unaccompanied with a very special necessity or aptitude of romantic sentimentalism. The young clergyman and student who deserts the home mission work for a foreign field at the present crisis, is like the soldier who leaves the ranks on the time of danger. There is no foreign field where so much Canadian life and energy and piety is so needed than those of our own country. No son of the Canadian church with a spark of patriotic love would desert her now.

The Pastor's Pity. A prominent pastor of a Durham, Ont., church writes: "I suffered intensely from inflammatory rheumatism. Just one bottle of South American Rheumatism Cure healed me. I prize those who suffer so much and do not know how near they are to a cure. I feel like proclaiming it from the house-tops." Sold by Henry Wade and H. B. Taylor.—13c.

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