

TRAIN DESPATCHER'S ERROR.

Responsible for Four Deaths in a Railway Collision.

Sherbrooke, Que., Oct. 5.—Two Quebec Central passenger trains, one leaving Sherbrooke and the other leaving Quebec, collided near Thetford Mines, Thursday morning. Four train hands were instantly killed, and six others fatally injured.

The dead are: Engineer James Atto, Fireman Richard Dean, Mail Clerk Roy, all of the north-bound train, and Mail Clerk Lachane. The fatally hurt are: Fireman Chas. Dodds, Baggageman Dan Niles, Baggageman Pozier, Conductor Wiggett, Brakeman Caron and Conductor Doyle, all of Sherbrooke.

Fireman John Conan Belean is also injured.

The cause of the accident was an error on the part of the despatcher at Sherbrooke. He ordered No. 15 to cross No. 2 at Black Lake, and ordered No. 2 to cross No. 15 at Robinson, and it was between these two stations that the trains met, as each train was making for the station at which orders were held to cross.

At Robinson the operator got word that the south-bound train had left the next station and to hold No. 2, but it was too late, for No. 2 had just left. The agent sent an engine to chase it to prevent the meeting, but owing to curves the pursuing engine could not catch up.

It is rumored that the man responsible for the accident has disappeared. He has been in the company's employ for over twenty-five years, it is said this is the first mishap ever attributed to him.

Engineer Atto was regarded as one of the best men on the road and was about forty years of age, and leaves a widow and four children. Fireman Dean, 24, leaves a widow. Mail Clerk Roy belongs to Quebec.

It May Be Better So.

Miss Walsingham—We can trace our ancestry back to the Norman conquest, can't we, mother?

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And years for love made perfect. Man and bird,
Thrilled through with hope of life that casis out death,
Wait with a rapturous patience till his word
Speak heaven, and flower and tree by tree
Give back the silent's strenuous utterance.
Earth,
Alive and joyful as the sea.
Laughs not aloud in joy too deep for mirth,
Till all the unborn green buds be born in white.

—A. C. Swinburne.

QUEEN VICTORIA.

Her Refusal to Sign a Paper Inimical to the United States.

A little story has come to me of Queen Victoria which was not mentioned during her life. It bears the stamp of truth, as it was told by her youngest son, Prince Leopold, when he was studying at Oxford. A Harvard professor was spending the greater part of a year there, and became intimately acquainted with Prince Leopold. When calling upon him to say "good-bye," Prince Leopold said, "I want to tell you a story to remember me by."

"I was a little boy, playing on the floor of the room where my mother was sitting. 'Lord Johnny,' as we affectionately called him (Lord John Russell), came into the room where my mother was and handed her a paper, which she read carefully, and then handed it back to him without a word. He went out and later returned with the paper. She read it through again, and showed some displeasure, remarking, 'I do not like it, and I shall never sign a paper that would in any way lead to war with the United States.'"

"I looked up from my play, as this was the first time I received any intimation that my mother was anything more than any other woman. The paper was still further changed. A week later my mother told me that my brother, the Prince of Wales, had visited the United States the year before he had been so kindly the year before. He had been so received that she considered that it had established a bond of amity between the United States and England, and that she would never be one to do anything that could in any way disturb it."

Leopold is dead, Victoria is dead, and all of us who hear the story will further honor the good mother and peace-loving Queen.

In closing I will give the question asked by a little girl who saw the Queen driving at the Isle of Wight a few weeks before her death: "If she is such a great Queen, why is she such a little woman?" — From Edward Everett Hale's *Lend a Hand Record*.

Kipling's "Five Free Nations."

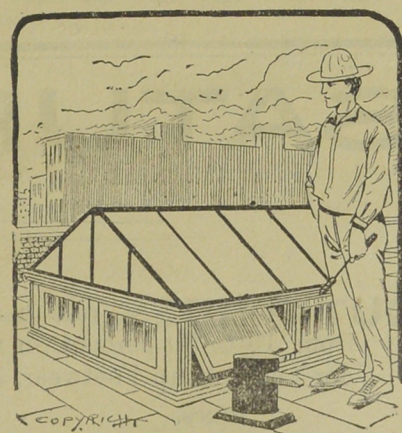
Rudyard Kipling does not want to be worried by letters when he is away from home. A New Zealand resident wrote for an explanation of the reference to the "five free nations" in his poem on the inauguration of the Australian Commonwealth. His London secretary replied: "Mr. Kipling is at present abroad, and I am desired not to forward letters to him. I am able to inform you, however, that the five free nations are England, Australia, New Zealand, Canada and the Cape."

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