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SLAIN SINCE HE WROTE IT. The Late Pte. Page's Description of the Canadian Contingents' First Battle. One of the last letters written by the late Pte. F. C. Page of the Royal Canadian Regiment, who was killed in the fight at Belmont, Jan. 27, has been received by his friend, Mr. Albert May, 104 St. Patrick-street, it is dated Belmont, Jan. 20, and says: "We arrived in Cape Town Dec. 1, and on the 4th left for the front. A narrow gauge railway runs from the Cape to the front, and we have to travel in the open air, the British are in the line of Kilmartin, which place the British are already there.

When twenty-four persons, shut up in two Pullman cars like stoves in a rattle box, are rolling over a sharp declivity of thirty feet without warning and with a speed of forty miles an hour, they are apt to sit up with a start and say "Here's my finish!" Such was the experience Saturday at 1.45 p.m. of the occupants of the parlor coaches attached to the C. P. R. Ottawa express. The train made up at Ottawa and left an hour before time.

Several Were Severely Injured.—The Escape from Death Was Most Remarkable. When the train started it was found that the front end of the train was out of order and that the engine was out of gear. The train was stopped and the passengers were shaken up.

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TOURISTS PROBABLY IN PERIL. FRANCE SEEMS ANXIOUS TO Grip the Hand of Friendship With the United States. AS SHOWN IN LAFAYETTE DOLLAR. Paris, March 3.—(Special cable letters)—France, beyond doubt, is sincerely anxious for the hand grip of friendship of the United States, and not only is this true of the government, but of the people.

La Patrie Flat-footed in Support of the British Flag.—Laval's Denial. Montreal, March 3.—(Special)—Things look better here today, since the cannot let word hoedoes and nightingale bring forth. The military and police authorities held a conference this morning, and the Laval authorities have been attended with the best results.

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BRAKESMAN ADAMS IS DEAD Succumbed to Injuries Received While Coupling Cars in the Massey-Harris Yard. DEATH SURPRISED PHYSICIANS. Who Thought That He Had Been Only Slightly Injured, But He Sank Suddenly. Mr. Samuel Adams, the Grand Truck brakesman who was injured on Thursday morning, died in the General Hospital at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon. His death came as a surprise to the physicians, as he was thought that he was only slightly injured.

John Lewis of Smith's Falls the Victim of an Explosion in Sewer Excavation. Smith's Falls, Ont., March 3.—A and accident occurred here, where the men are engaged in putting a sewer on Centre-street, shortly before 6 o'clock, whereby Mr. John Lewis, one of the laborers, lost his life. It appears that a charge of dynamite had not gone off at the proper time, and Lewis was engaged in removing the charge when it exploded, throwing him out of the sewer a distance of 15 feet, and so severely injuring his head that he died in the hospital a few hours later.

TWO KILLED SEVEN INJURED. Premature Explosion of Dynamite in Subway Region Causes Destructive Havoc. Sudbury, March 3.—News was received this evening by a courier from Wainnabie Lake that a most distressing accident had occurred early this morning between Lake Umbagog and Wainnabie Lake, about 10 miles from Sudbury. Full particulars are not to hand, but from what has been learned it appears that Mr. Arthur McLeary, who has resided in this place for twenty years, was one of the contractors doing some excavating work near the Crystal Grotto, and the dynamite, which was being used for that purpose, exploded prematurely, killing two men outright and injuring seven others.

MANAGED IN A MINE. Blomquist, March 3.—A man named Blomquist, who was working in a mine near Wharfedale, Golden Mile, was killed by the premature explosion of a dynamite cartridge. One arm was terribly mangled, and he died in the hospital a few hours later.

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Review of the Chancellor's Budget. The Chancellor's Budget has been increased in width and depth, particularly in the case of the income tax, and the total amount of the budget is £1,150,000,000.

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