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Grim tragedy is the main item of this week's news --- a railway accident at Castlecary in Stirlingshire that claimed over thirty dead, and nearly a hundred injured. In a narrow cutting near the station, the Edinburgh to Glasgow express crashed into another train on its way to Glasgow from Dundee. Driving snow had reduced visibility to a ~~minimum~~ minimum when the horrible impact occurred. The engine of the express rolled over --- coaches were smashed and splintered, strewing the ground ~~all round~~ with torn and twisted wreckage. It was the worst railway collision in Britain since 1915. Rescuers working among the shattered coaches, struggled to relieve the injured who were pinioned beneath that awful load. At intervals, a mutilated body would be taken out --- some to be rushed to hospital, some beyond human aid. ^{But} At this moment when all the world pauses to offer sympathy to the bereaved, it is ~~a solemn~~ ^{well to} reflect that many more lose their lives on the highways of Britain, than on these, the safest of all the world's railways.