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On the year's closing days, stark tragedy smote the heart of France.(10). The worst railway disaster in the history of Europe, wiped happiness from the slate of Christmas joys and wrote death. Blinded by fog, and numbed by the icy cold,(10), over two-hundred souls perished from their frightful injuries. The disaster plumbed the uttermost depths of pathos. Happy school children (20), on their way to revisit waiting parents at houses gaily decorated by loving hands, were swallowed up by this grisly nightmare.(10). Amid wreckage and were tiny presents bearing loving messages, clasped in dead arms. The poignant last relics of sweet affection.(10) To those desolated, the world offers its sympathy, and we offer our wishes for a brighter year for everyone.