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Railway Accidents in Great Britain Lead to Demand for Caution

HE two recent serious railway | casualties in the United Kingdom have led to a general de-

mand for greater caution in the operation of trains, the use of additional safeguards and the imposition of severer penalties for carelessness and negligence.

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ties in Great Britain are suprisingly small. This is owing, in part, at least, to the almost uniform absence of grade crossings in cities, the better protection of highway crossings in the country, the use of tunnels and bridges at railway stations to reach the frees, and well-ballasted tracks on the important as well as on the great unk lines. The beard of trade statt s for Great Eritain for the year 199 how that 1,099 persons were killet and 6,459 persons injured by accilients resulting from the operation of trains or the movement of rail-way vehicles. There is a decrease of 50 in the number of deaths, and of 192 in the number of accidents, in comin the number of deales, and of the in the number of accidents, in com-parison with the average for the pre-cealing nine years. Four collisions and derailments caused all but one of the 39 deaths of passengers due to train idents

The number of passengers killed is greater than in any year since 1889, while the number of those injured is far below the average for many years

by the movement of trains and railway vehicles, as distinguished from train accidents. These casualties, it is claimed, were largely due to the care-barness of parameters rather than to

claimed, were largely due to the care-lessness of passengers rather than to the negligence of railway employes. It is gratifying to learn that there was a marked diminution in the number of accidents to railway servants caused by moving trains and railway vehicles being only 1 in 31 exposed to danger, as against an average of 1 to 70 expos. ed to danger for the preceding nine years. The percentage of accidents among employes due to misadventure is given as 57 per cent, while the casualties attributed to want of cau-tion or misconduct amounted to 32 per cent. per cent.

per cent. The accidents occurring on railway premises but not in any way connect-ed with the operation of railway trains resulted in 81 deaths and the injury of 11,777 persons, as compared with an average of 86 deaths and 11.418-injuries for the preceding nine years. These casualties arose mainly from misadventure or pure accident, and could not probably have been antici-pated or provided against, and no remedy is suggested to prevent their recurrence. The average number of collisions and derailments in Great Britain for the 25 years up to 1905 was 217. The number fell in 1905 to 199. A collision or derailment oc-curred in the 25 years referred to on the average for every 1,508,521 train miles run, but in 1905 it only occurred for every 2,014,689 train miles run,

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showing a gain of nearly 34 per cent for last year. This improvement is stated to be owing to the use of con-tinuous brakes and to unusual care and circumspection in the operation of trains. There was a noticeable re-duction in the number of railway servants killed and injured in con-nection with the running of trains in 1905 as compared with the average for the preceding 31 years. That average was 14 employes killed and 136 injured, as against six employes killed and 112 injured in 1905, al-though there was a large increase last year in the number of employes ex-posed to risk.

posed to risk. The average for 31 years ending with 1904 was one passenger killed to 34,464,892 passengers carried, and one injured to 3,023,995 passengers carried.

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THRESSA ROUBIDEAUX

CENTENARIAN INDIAN QUEEN TO GET LAND.

Theresa Roubideaux is a daughter of Joseph Roubideaux, who founded St. Joseph, Mo. She will be one of the first of the Iowa Indians to receive their titles to Oklahoma land allotments which the tribe took about 15 years ago. Theresa is now 100 years old and rules the tribe as a queen.

One of the most unique legal trials of recent times promises to be that of Miss May McAtee who deliberately shot her aged father, the Rev. John Q. McAtee in Philadelphia, last week. The shooting is said to have been the re-sult of an attack which Dr. McAtee, while under the influence of liquor, made upon his wife. The clergyman, who is recovering, has promised to reform. Miss McAtee is now out on bail. past. Fewer passengers were killed and more injured in 1975 than usual

MISS MAY MCATEE

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