WHERE PASSENGER TRAINS COLLIDED

Cars of Chicago, Burlington and Quincy passenger trains are scattered about railroad's right of way at Montgomery, suburban Aurira, Ill., Monday. It crashed head-on into idle Rock Island passenger train, top, during night. Locomotives of the two are reduced to debris, centre. Trackage and signal tower are askew, but feed supply house escaped. Upper right is Rt. 31. View is west-southwest with Burlington heading toward Omaha, its destination, and Rock Island toward Chicago, its destination. Four train crewmen were killed. At least 50 persons were injured. **(AP Wirephoto)**

Old Doorstop Is Sold For Fabulous Amount

By EDDY GILMORE

LONDON (AP) — An expert from Sotheby and Company—perhaps the world's greatest art auctioneers — tripped over an object as he was leaving a London residence.

"I'm terribly sorry," apologized the owner of the house. "It's that wretched doorstop again. . . ."

A. J. B. Kiddell, the man from Sotheby's, righted himself, turned in the shadowed gloom of the old mansion, stopped and studied the chunk of something that had almost up-ended him.

"What is it?" he asked.

"Don't rightly know," was the reply. "Just something we've used for years as a doorstop."

"Doorstop?" commented Kiddell as he lifted the object from the floor, moved into a better light, and turned it over in his hands. "Unless I'm mistaken your doorstop is a Ming jade buffalo."

At a Sotheby auction a few months later it sold for £6,000 ($18,000).

On another occasion Sotheby's Fred Rose journeyed to Berkeley Castle to look over the silver. At the end of his inspection he asked if there were anything more to see.

"Only in dinner service," he was told.

"Is it of interest?" asked Rose.

"Not really," he was told. It's valued at only £3,000 ($9,000).

REJECTED OFFER

Appraised by Sotheby's a few days afterwards, it was identified as pre-revolutionary French dinner service.

Hearing about it, a collector offered the owners £50,000 ($150,000). Greatly tempted, the owners wanted to sell, but Sotheby's talked them into rejecting the offer and putting it up for auction.

They agreed and the auction was held on June 16, 1960.

The French government—anxious to retrieve such a national heirloom—bid £206,000 ($618,000) for the glittering array of table hardware.

The French government didn't get it, though.

Shipping magnate Stavros Niarchos raised the bidding to £207,000 ($621,000) and it was knocked down to him.

Magnanimously, Niarchos announced he would will it to France. In the meantime he will, presumably, eat off it.

Sotheby and Company can relate dozens of cases in which its experts, many of them surprisingly young, have set owners straight on the real value of art objects.

The people with whom the auctioneers deal are by no means confined to the titled or the wealthy.

A shabby old man once walked into the premises with a painting wrapped in a rumpled piece of brown paper.

Unwrapping his parcel, he asked:

"Is this worth a fiver ($15)?"

QUICK JUDGMENT

At that moment a director entered the room and gave a quick judgment, saying:

"Good heavens, sir, you have an early Samuel Palmer there."

"I know it's a Samuel Palmer," replied the elderly caller. "He gave it to my grandmother. What I want to know is—is it worth a fiver?"

Sotheby's auctioned it off for the man. It brought £5,600 ($16,800).

Art and literary auction sales—said to be a Dutch invention—were introduced into England in 1676.

The first auctions were of books, and were mostly held by dealers, who discovered by degrees that consignments imported from the European continent could be disposed of more advantageously by competitive public sale than through ordinary retail outlets.

In 1744, a man named Samuel Baker is believed to have held the first of a continuous series of sales, which made him the first professional book and art auctioneer.

Baker took in a partner, George Leigh, in 1767 and shortly afterwards retired, leaving his gavel to the business. When Baker died, his nephew, John Sotheby joined the firm.

John was the first of three generations of Sothebys, who among them carried on the company for nearly a century and stamped the firm with the name which has become an international talisman in the fine art world.

It's become known around the world despite the fact that a large number of persons still have difficulty in pronouncing it.

Correctly, it should be said in three syllables—Soth—er—bee.

RETAINED THE NAME

The last of the Sothebys died in 1861, but the successors—as is often the way in England—retained the name.

Sotheby's has moved through wars, fires and progress to a gross of $36,000,000 for the 1963-64 season.

Despite the astronomical prices brought by some objects, of the 54,000 lots of stuff auctioned during the 1962-63 season, 13,000 objects were bought for £100 ($300)—or less.

The moving figure behind Sotheby's is its chairman, Peter Wilson.

Wilson and nine other directors own it.

At the age of 51, Wilson must be the world's champion offloader, an elegant auctioneer, the possessor of the fastest gavel in the west.

"You must dominate your audience—but inconspicuously," he explains. "You must be serious, not flippant, and believe in the object you're selling. Selling pictures is a cross between working in a gambling casino and an art museum."

Predicts Doom For Moustaches

LONDON (AP)—The magazine Tailor and Cutter has predicted the doom of the moustache as a facial adornment.

"That it is currently out and shows no sign of returning among the smooth faces of Britain's younger generation is quite clear," said the publication, an arbiter of male fashion. "Moustaches today are invariably the property of the over - 40s. Even the beard, when it is worn by younger men, is often worn sans moustache.

"It may never be seen again after its current devotees die out."

The magazine said the real reason for the moustache is the vanity of the wearer.

Sedimentation In Strait To Be Studied

CAPITAL BUREAU OF THE GUARDIAN

OTTAWA — A study of recent sedimentation in Northumberland Strait will be supported by a federal grant, Mine and Technical Surveys Minister William Benidickson announced here Monday.

A grant of $2,500 will go to Prof. D. J. C. Laming of the University of New Brunswick for the study of bottom sediments involving sampling laboratory examination of texture, mineralogy, organic content and statistical analysis.

The Geological Survey of Canada is awarding $100,000 to 15 universities in this year's program, the 14th time that such grants have been awarded. Some 200 scientific papers have resulted from the $660,000 that has been granted since the program got underway in 1951.

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CHAMBER

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tive new welfare spending is concerned."

Canada already was spending more per capita on welfare than either Britain or the United States and further major programs were under study.

Sound welfare programs must be an essential part of national policy and "where genuine needs exists it must be relieved.

"But doubt surely must arise when, as now, political parties competitively move in advance of public opinion or of mandate in the scale of welfare planning."

WASTING TIME

Mr. Mitchell, delivering the keynote address to the three-day meeting, also called on Canadians to face up to what he called the real challenges of the future and suggested they are wasting too much time over mere symbols of nationhood.

The flag debate and the federal-provincial struggle would be less important in the long run than "the degree of response by Canadians to the most exciting challenge to greatness that has ever faced any new nation in history."

Touching on national unity, Mr. Mitchell said there will be more opportunity for young Canadians of all origins if Canada is not split.

"Adults of this generation of Canadians will be failing both the English - speaking and French-speaking youth of Canada if they do not inspire them equally with the vision of a Canada that looks forward to a unity of equal opportunity and mutual confidence and respect rather than backward to ancient grudges or resentments."

W. J. A. Rowe of Calgary, president of the Canada Junior Chamber of Commerce, told the national organization his group categorically rejects the concept of two nations living separate lives in one country.

LOOKING OVER THE BRINK

Although the Junior Chamber fully endorsed the wider use of two languages in Canada, "enforced isolation can only stimulate the breeding of ignorance, misunderstanding and self-pity that has led us to the precipice over which we now are looking."

Trade Minister Sharp told a luncheon meeting Canada should renew efforts to develop and diversify trade in non-strategic goods with the Communist countries.

"The development of better commercial relationships with state - trading countries poses many difficult problems, but I believe it is in the political as well as the economic interests of the free world to make a serious effort in that direction."

Mr. Sharp also warned against any serious disruption of the flow of goods and services across provincial borders.

"At a time when larger trading units are emerging throughout the world by way of customs unions and free - trade areas, it is doubly important that we fully appreciate the value of our unrestricted domestic trade.

MUST RESIST EFFORTS

"It should be one of the primary objectives of this chamber of commerce and of its members to resist the efforts that are sometimes made to hamper the free movement of goods within Canada.

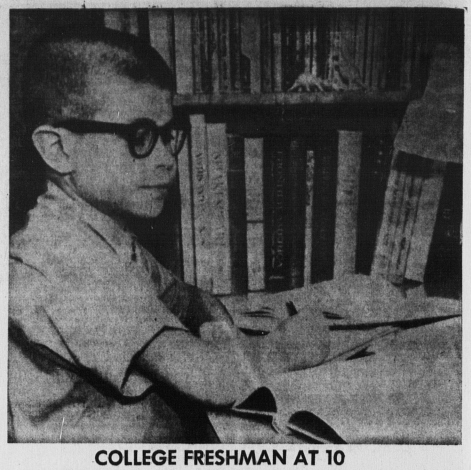
"Canada is a small enough economy in this world of giants—it cannot afford the luxury of fragmentation."

Walter F. Cary, president of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, told the delegates Canadian and U.S. businessmen must keep impressing on their governments the value of free flow of goods and capital across the border.

"Our respective governments, while paying lip service to the theory of expanded trade, have put into effect restrictive economic measures," he said.

He named the U.S. interest equalization tax and Canada's automotive tariff rebate program as examples.

"We are concerned that these restrictions will lead to still more curtailment of the free flow of capital and trade. This would result in grave disservice to the economies of our countries and influence the actions of other nations at a time in which the world moves hesitantly toward the lowering of economic barriers to growth and stability."



COLLEGE FRESHMAN AT 10

Michael Crost puzzles out some higher Mathematics as he prepares to enter Michigan State University Thursday. He'll be the school's youngest student ever. In unofficial classes there last year, he had nearly an "A" average, convincing officials he could do college work. **(AP Wirephoto)**

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South Korea has embarked on a 10-year birth control plan to reduce its annual population growth rate to two per cent by 1970.

ROOKIE - BUT NO FLATFOOT

Wearing her new police uniform, Rocky Rakotinski, whose real first name is Virginia, prepares to tackle her first assignment after being graduated from the Chicago Police Academy. Although she will become the first policewoman in the suburb of Skokie, Rocky will spend this week patrolling Chicago with other policewomen.

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