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(d). Picture.:- The French floods situation is grave in many parts of the country. The bridge of Montjean has been severely battered by the current, and what there is left of it looks like anything but a bridge.

At Nantes, the terrific pressure of water has been swept away whole

portions of the quay-sides.

Under this bridge there is usually fifteen feet head-room. The streets of Nantes are still 'under the weather'. It's a good thing barrels of beer are beer tight,

because watered beer would be a real hardship !

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(e) Picture.:- Another serious and fatal accident has occurred to marr the good record of our railways. An express train

travelling from Penzance to Paddington, crashed into a run-away goods truck at Shrivenham, Wiltshire. The smash happened

in the early hours of the morning darkness. 26 people were injured. 12 were detained in hospital. The driver

of the express was killed. There was a severe frost. A bonfire of wreckage was lit to give

some warmth to many scantily clothed passengers. The Company has expressed its regret, and announced an investigation.

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