

1028/82/15

CUS417/82.15  
Aug 7 1886

Winifred Claire

## A STRANGE BIRTH PLACE.

A NEWLY BORN BABE FALLS FROM AN EXPRESS TRAIN MOVING FORTY MILES AN HOUR, IS PICKED UP AND RESTORED TO ITS MOTHER'S ARMS UNINJURED.

On Saturday morning last, when the express train was nearing Kelloe, the first Station west of Shoal Lake, an accident occurred which leaves everything we have ever heard of in the way of being born under peculiar circumstances away in the shade. A Mrs. Langley, from Pelly, was among the passengers on her way to Meador Lea to visit her mother, in anticipation of accouchment. When the train began to slacken speed at Kelloe Station the attention of the passengers was aroused by screams proceeding from the lavatory, to which Mrs. Langley had retired. Upon the door being burst open the woman was discovered in a fainting condition. She cried "Oh, save my child". The situation was taken in instantly, and the bell cord was pulled to have the train stop to pick up the infant, which had been born and accidentally dropped down the pipe and on to the track. When the train stopped at Kelloe Station the poor woman was carried into the Station, where the Agent's wife ministered to her wants.

Mr. Charles McLennan, Foreman of Tank Construction, upon learning the state of affairs, sprang upon his horse, which was standing near, and rode with all possible speed up the centre of the track for over a mile, till he found the child kicking and crying at the bottom of a seven foot grade. Charley lost no time in pulling his shirt off, and, wrapping up the baby, hastened back through the keen morning air, bare to the belt, and placed the child in its mother's arms. When the train arrived at Shoal Lake, Dr. Oliver was informed of the case and started as soon as possible for Kelloe, where he found the poor woman in a very critical condition, and the child all bruised, scratched and bleeding.

The Doctor made both mother and child as easy as he could at the time, and on examination found that the child had not sustained any internal injury. At last accounts the mother and child were doing well, and everybody seems pleased to learn that the baby girl born under such peculiar circumstances will live.

Mr. W.R. Baker sent a message for the best attention to be given Mrs. Langley and her child and the M. & N.W. Railway would foot the bill.

To say that a baby the moment after being born could fall from an express train going at a speed of forty miles an hour, and escape without a broken bone, and lie exposed to the cold air while a messenger rode over a mile from the station, and then to get well and strong in two or three days, is almost too much to believe, yet such is the fact. The poor lady met with a few friends who displayed their sympathy in a tangible manner when her circumstances became fully known. There was considerable contention among the passengers as to who should have the honor of paying incidental expenses.

From "Shoal Lake Echo" of August 7th, 1886.