

MILLION-TO-ONE RAIL ACCIDENT: 9 KILLED.

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Piling on top of the agony of war came a rail-smash - wreck of the Liverpool-Euston express. At a junction outskirting Greater London the engine struck a luggage-trolley that ran down the platform on to the line. By a million-to-one chance the trolley jammed in some points. The engine overturned, three coaches telescoped, four jumped the metals. Nine people, including the driver and fireman, were killed; six were injured severely, scores slightly.

Breakdown gangs tackled the chaos with the speed of experts. The train crashed at night, so long before salvage was under way rescuers had been at work, A.R.P. wardens lending a hand. In peacetime this disaster would have been the talk of the country but now the nation has still more serious misfortunes to contend with and gets on with the war.

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