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LOUVAIN - 19 DIE IN "SOCCER SPECIAL"

Rescue squads hurriedly go to work to free passengers still trapped in the wreckage of a train which crashed at Louvain, twenty miles from Brussels. The majority of the 700 people aboard were German soccer fans returning home from the Wembley match. About sixty were seriously injured, and it is now learned that the death-roll stands at twenty. Three coaches, the engine and its tender toppled down the embankment. The second coach was smashed like a matchbox. The engine driver and fireman are among the dead.

The tangled mass of wreckage delay rescue workers for many hours from reaching all those who are trapped. But finally the last of the injured is brought from the crushed coaches. It is feared that the death-roll may be yet higher, for there is little hope for some of the grievously injured.