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HOLIDAY-MAKERS IN IRISH MAIL CRASH

Like a toy train overturned by a child's impatient hand the wrecked Irish Mail sprawls in the cold light of day. Hurting through the night, with 500 returning holiday-makers onboard, bound from Holyhead to Euston, the express crashed into a light engine. Coaches were flung off the rails as the interlocked engines ploughed on ... and even greater horror threatened. A following goods train laden with explosives would have run into the wreck but for the fireman of the Mail and the guard of a goods train, who ran back to stop it.

As firemen climbed down, houses turned on their lights to light the way. Rescue crews found dead and living trapped in the wreckage. Six were killed, 34 injured. To the bereaved and to the injured goes the sympathy of all.