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WORLD AT YOUR ELBOW

Train Crash

In dense fog late at night, the year's first big train crash. At Gidea Park station in Essex, the Peterborough express collided with a stationary train. Five people were killed, 43 injured. Pathe reporters, on the scene soon after the tragedy got these pictures.

Breakdown gangs clear the lines. Three coaches lie in twisted debris. By the evening, normal services were back in operation.

Scotland-France Rugby

After an interval of 16 years, Scotland renews her rugby rivalry with France. At the Colombes Stadium in Paris, the Scots took a beating by 8 points to 3. Worthy winners, the Frenchmen (in white shirts) gave a polished display. Their handling and speed were too much for the Scots fifteen. Here is some good first time passing as the Scottish attack gets going.

French spectators, looked pleased with their team's play. And so they certainly can be, for if this is a sample of their work, the international rugby championship may go to France this year.

Coal Crisis

For fifty years, Britain's miners have demanded the nationalisation of the mining industry. Their campaign began in the pioneering days of Kier Hardie and Bob Smillie: it has ended in 1947. From now on, the people take over. Britain's 1,600 pits belong to you. Above them flies the flag of the National Coal Board and, in the presence of the Cabinet, Mines Minister Shinwell takes over.

SPRUCH

But the new order in the mines begins in the midst of crisis. Here, in Blackburn, a Pathe industrial survey team investigates this situation. They found the Lancashire cotton industry crippled for lack of coal. At Roe Lea Mills, Blackburn, idle machines and silent looms tell their own story. Elsewhere this is the overall picture; not enough coal for the great industrial zone of the Midlands; not enough for railways, for electricity generating stations, for domestic consumers.

The crisis in coal is a direct challenge to the nation's prosperity drive. What it means to Blackburn, our reporter learned from Raymond Duckworth, head of the Roe Lea Mill.

Other angles came from the mill girls of the Duckworth plant.

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Meantime, it is in the collieries that the issue will be finally decided. At Atherstone in Warwickshire, our camera team sought out a representative voice to speak for our 700,000 miners.

The pits are yours, but without coal, planning will not avoid industrial paralysis. The miners will decide.