

Charles Martin decides to land near the U.S. weather ship BIBB, eight hundred miles North-East of Newfoundland. Despite gale winds and 37 foot seas, he makes a perfect landing. Then for the plane's 69 passengers - 34 of them British - begins a 24 hour ordeal. After a day and night of heroic seamanship by the BIBB's crew, all are saved and the BIBB heads for Boston. The plane, hopelessly damaged by the great seas is sunk. But her passengers (among them fifteen women and thirteen children) are safe. Boston gives rescued and rescuers and tumultuous welcome. 68-year-old Mrs. Last tells her story:-

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Behind these survivors is an ordeal of cold, dangerous, hungry, seasick hours aboard the crippled plane. And the triumph of brave men over angry seas -- repeated trips in small boats and fragile rafts through mountainous waves -- ends with happy reunions on Constitution Wharf in Boston.

And at the close of a crowded week came a tragedy which shocked the nation.

As heavy morning fog blanketed Southern England, Groyden was the scene of Autumn's worst rail disaster. Pathe cameras fly over the rescue work to bring these vivid pictures to the screen. At the peak of the morning rush, two trains, crowded with city travellers, collided. To 29 people came death. Nearly 100 more were injured.

Rescue parties searched the wreckage to free passengers trapped in the telescoped carriages.

Doctors and ambulance men rushed to the scene from neighbouring districts. Clambering over the debris, they gave first aid.

Firemen led the passengers to safety. Debris was littered all along the line and several carriages disappeared in a tangle of steel frames.

Occupants of nearby houses were the first to give aid. Their stories told of the grim heroism by the trapped and wounded.

The death roll is the heaviest in any London rail smash within the past century. It is the worst accident since the Bourne End disaster in 1945 when 45 people were killed. It was a sober ending to the week's news.