

# LLANELLI RIOTS

It was Saturday,  
August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1911,  
and the second day  
of the national  
railway strike.

Taryn, Ethan, Natalie and

# Llanelli riots

It was this time  
that the very first  
railway strikes were  
happening in  
Britain.

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Between 1910 - 1912,  
the working classes  
stood with each other  
to go against unfair  
pay and the working

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For the next two days the strikers did not allow trains to pass through the town.

The strikers were watched over by the armed forces, who had been sent to Llanelli and other towns affected by the strike.

# Two men were found dead

John "Jac" John was a 21 year old local tin-plate worker and a gifted rugby player for the local side, the Llanelli Oriental Stars, he was the first casualty.

Jac had arrived on the scene in a show of support to the rail workers and was killed when a bullet pierced his lung.

The other victim, Leonard Worsell, was a 19 year old labourer from the London suburb of Penge, who was spending a weekend's

Leonard had not been involved in the riots at all and was killed by a shot through the heart while shaving then had come out of his house to see what all of the commotion was about.

News of the deaths spread quickly. In the wake of the killings the soldiers were instructed to stand down their weapons .