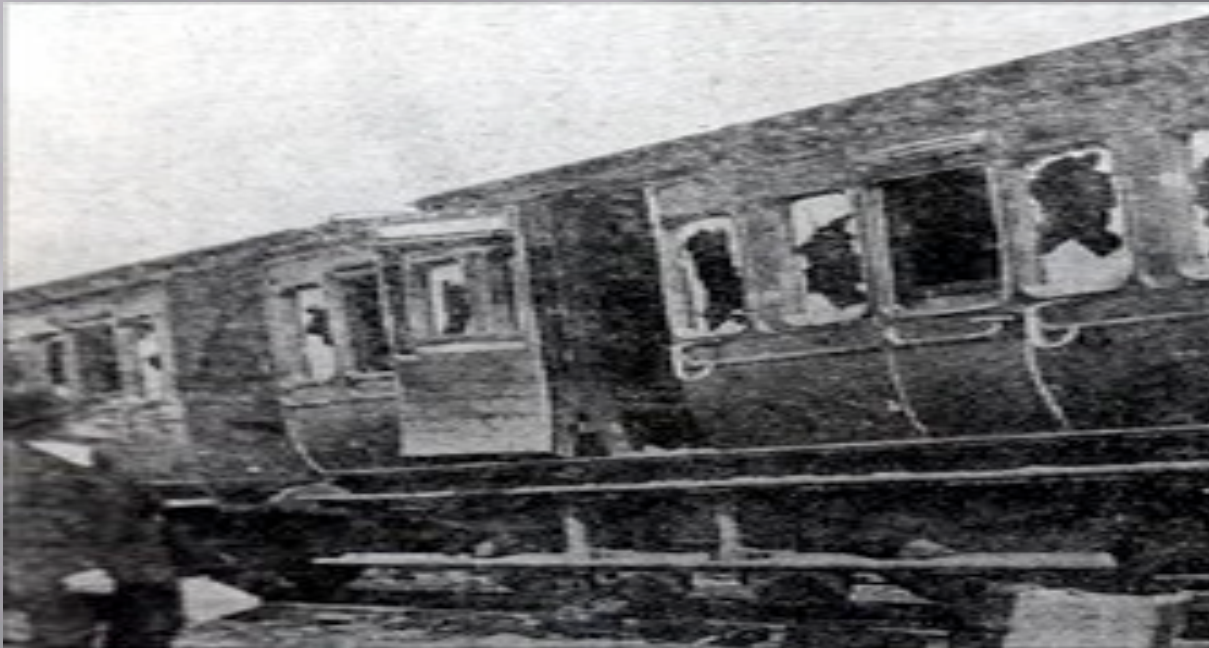


THE LLANELLI RIOTS

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It was August 19th 1911 the third day of the National railway strike. There were 370 soldiers in the town who insured that trains driven by blacklegs got through. A train had been standing on the town's platform for quite a while and was a concern to the striking community, the train moved off at 2.30pm followed by a crowd with about 250 people in it who had gathered at the Heolfawr crossing. It got within 200 yards of Union Bridge when it stopped because the Old Castle crossing gates were shut. Pursuing railway men climbed onto the engine footplate and raked out the fire, thereby immobilising the engine.

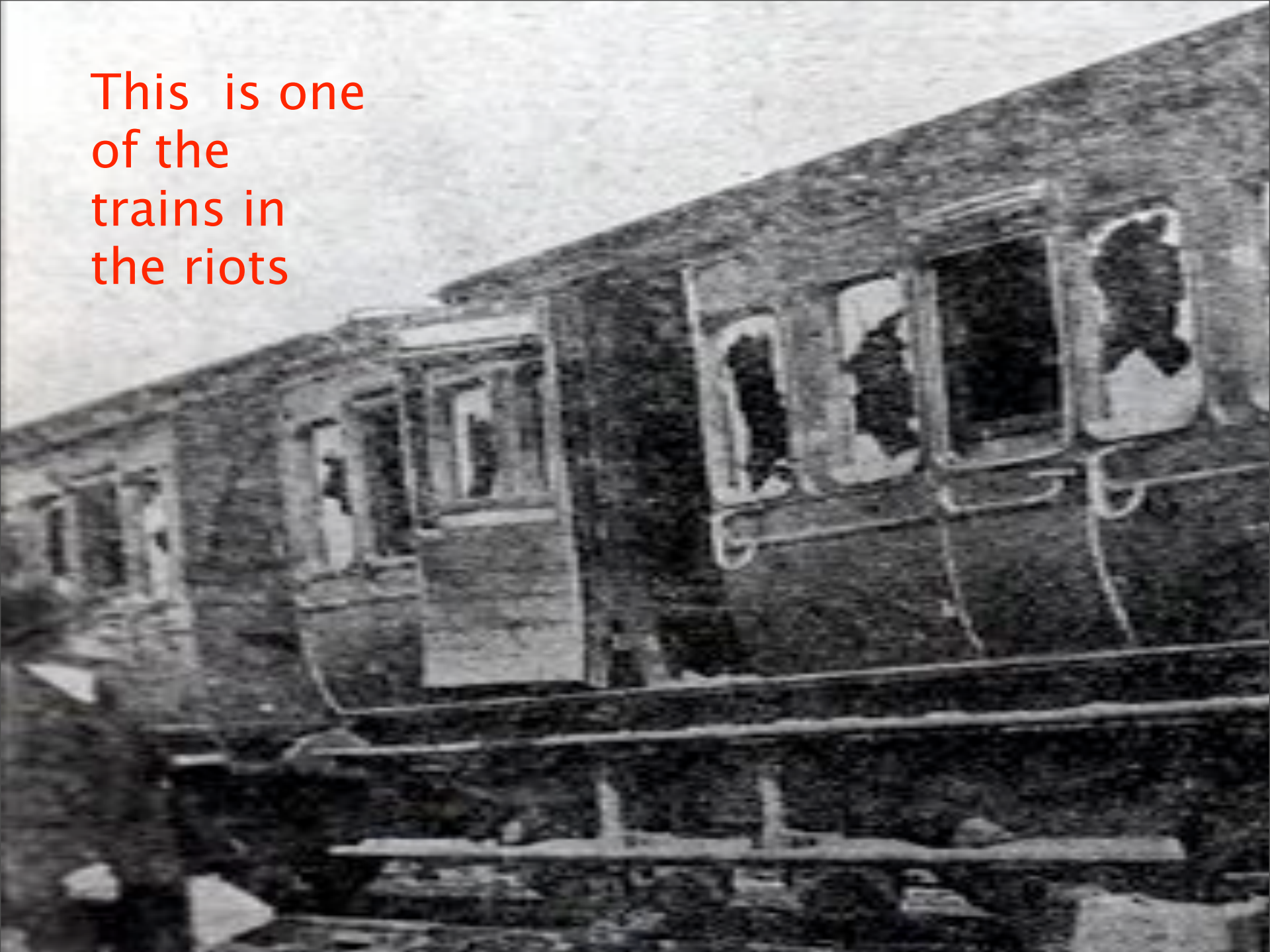


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- Within minutes, Major Stuart arrived on scene with 80 soldiers of the Worcester Regiment. They cleared the track at bayonet point and the crowd scrambled up the embankment. As a result of some stone throwing, Stuart ordered a firing squad to shoot at the young men sitting on a low wall in the garden of 6, High Street. Two men, Jack John and Leonard Worsell, were killed, one severely injured and one shot in the hand

This is one
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trains in
the riots



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