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RAILWAY CROSSING MISHAP

A level crossing smash occurred at Porthywaen, near Oswestry. An engine with tender, which was crossing the main road, came into collision with a 5-ton Foden waggon belonging to Oswestry District Council. The waggon was dragged 40ft. and turned over, the forewheels being torn away and the waggon wrecked. The waggon driver, Garry Croxon, was pinned under the waggon, his fireman escaping injury, though pitched out. A man named Watkins, foreman under the Porthywaen Lime Company, rushed to assist Croxon and cut away the woodwork to release him. Croxon was taken to Oswestry Cottage Hospital with leg injury.

The railway engine's tender tank was broken, the engine having been travelling tender first when the accident happened. Passengers on the Great Western Tanet Valley line were taken between Oswestry and Blodwel Junction by the company's omnibuses until the line was cleared, some hours later, for traffic.