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RUNAWAY TRAIN SMASHES INTO UNION STATION

Into Union Station, Washington, a speeding passenger train crashed out of control. The result: one of the most grotesque smashups in railroad history. The brakes on the crack express from Boston failed completely. The 150-ton engine and coaches plowed through a steel-and-concrete barrier, through small offices and straight for a crowded waiting room. Only by the narrowest margin was no one killed. And here's why. The runaway train knifed through the thick concrete floor under its own weight and force. Just a few feet from the waiting room with its thousands of morning travelers, it crashed down into a baggage room on the level below.

Also, the train's engineer sent desperate signals ahead when he found his brakes were gone, heading for the terminal at more than 40 miles an hour.

41 are reported injured, six critically. Only a miracle, they're saying, saved the nation's capital from appalling tragedy.