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The "Royal Scot" derailed

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Derailed coaches at Abington, Lanarkshire, tell their own story of the disaster that overtook the "Royal Scot" express, while bound for Glasgow, forty miles away. Packed with holidaymakers, the seven rear coaches left the rails, three of them crashing over on their sides. Yet, almost miraculously, no-one was killed, and only twenty-nine ^{were} injured.

Rescue workers were quickly in action, and the angle of this derailed coach makes a strange camera-effect as a man leaves the shattered interior.

A railway-man is said to have averted a more serious disaster, by pulling the communication cord after seeing the guard's van leave the metals.

A theory that the heat of the sun caused the rails to buckle is being examined by railway officials.

And less than 36 hours later, a night express to King's Cross, ~~was~~ ^{had a narrow escape from disaster} escaped serious disaster, just after leaving Newcastle-on-Tyne.

The seven front-coaches were derailed, though the engine, tender, and two rear carriages ^{some had} ~~remained~~ remained on the rails.

Once again, nobody was killed or ~~seriously~~ ^{badly} injured.

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