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ROYAL SCOT CRASHES.

By a miracle no-one was killed when four coaches of the Royal Scot were derailed while the crack express was travelling at nearly seventy miles an hour. It is thought that the heat of the sun expanded and warped the rails on the track near Abington, 4 1/2 miles south of Glasgow. As the train began to sway, the driver slammed on the brakes, stopping it in about 400 yards - a quarter of the usual distance.

The safety couplings between coaches, which absorbed most of the violent shock as the train halted, did much to stop the train telescoping. Although they overturned, the coaches, made of steel, suffered comparatively little damage. Only seventeen people were injured in which might well have been one of the most terrible disasters in railway history.