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SUBTERRANEAN FIRE.

RAILWAY STATION MENACED.

Picture.

Koats Bridge, Scotland,--p

--the scene of a disastrous fire which poured from the bowels--
--of the earth. It's a curious story. Seven months ago
unemployed--
--men were given permission to level a nearby field for--
--a football pitch. They lit a fire to brew --
--some tea. Un-noticed their fire lit some oil shale in a--
--refuse pit. It was covered over, but the fire continued--
--to spread underground. Seven months after it burst through
near a railway station, threatening the bridge over the lines.
Now tons of red-hot shale are being removed by a grab and
heaped out of harm's way. The rails have--
--been dismantled, traffic disorganised. The fumes, fanned
by the wind, have caused many cases of severe sickness in
the--
--village, and the fire is still burning.