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TRAIN SMASHES.

Four lives were lost and thirty people were injured when two ~~part~~ parts of the Night Scot from Euston were involved in this collision. From the head-on position of the engines and the mass of twisted metal, one could only marvel that the casualties were not even greater. A light engine had been shunting a coach on to the rear portion of the train and the impact forced it on to the platform.

A second train smash occurred only a few short while later, at Winwick, near Warrington. Nine coaches were derailed. It was the 4.50 boat express from Euston to Heysham which collided with a Wigan-Warrington goods train. Cattle which had been in the goods train were killed instantly. There has been a previous railway accident at Winwick --- in 1934 eleven people were killed. Fortunately the consequences of this tragedy were less severe.