

EASTBOURNE RAIL CRASH.

This was the grim scene at Eastbourne station after a steam express from Glasgow had crashed into the front of an electric train waiting to leave for London Bridge. Four people were killed in the crash itself, and a fifth died later in hospital. Among the dead was the driver of the electric train. About 30 people were injured, six being detained in hospital. The casualty list might have been far higher, but for the fact that the express from Glasgow was a motorists's special, containing only 36 passengers and 11 cars.

Both trains were due to use the same platform; but the electric train was already seven minutes late in leaving when the steam express arrived three minutes early. Two signals should have stopped the express from entering the station; and the question which has to be answered is - what went wrong, to cause a disaster which resulted in the deaths of four men and one woman?