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The train was making good time, and would have reached the Union station in eight or ten minutes. Without the slightest warning, the two men in the cab of the engine felt it rise on its left side, and then, after running into the open switch, it fell over on its right side. The baggage car and mail car also left the rails, which were torn up for some considerable distance. The engineer and fire-

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