

U.S. BLAZE DESTROYS GOODS FOR BRITAIN

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Sabotage was the thought that leapt to everyone's mind as the spectre of the blazing Jersey City water-front gripped Manhattan. For twenty-four hours piers, barges and warehouses fed the biggest peace fire for years. Eight blocks of almost invaluable dockside property vanished in smoke and flame. The big Erie elevator, crammed with grain for Britain, was a roaring furnace. In a stockyard 450 sheep and calves burned to a cinder.

Damage topped \$20,000,000. The investigators still don't know whether it was sabotage or just all possible flame short of war.

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OFF-STAGE VOICE---JERSEY FIRE

1. Title: JERSEY CITY FIRE LOSS 25 MILLION

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Across the river from Manhattan, the Jersey City waterfront experiences one of its most destructive fires! For nearly 24 hours, the flames consume piers, barges, a grain elevator and additional valuable property in eight square blocks of shipping and storage space. Damage is put at 25 million dollars. Only through the most heroic firefighting efforts, are the sweeping flames kept from completely enveloping a big warehouse--crammed with oil, rubber, coffee and many other commodities. But the loss in valuable stores is tremendous!

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Sixteen freight cars are burned and considerable damage is done to six Erie railroad ferry slips and a covered railroad spur. 200 head of cattle are lost in the destruction of a 2-story pen.

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With the fire finally put out, a vast panorama of ruin unfolds across the waterfront. The huge warehouse shows scars from its 20 million dollar damage. Investigators say the fire could have been started by a discarded cigarette and definitely discount sabotage.