

LOS ANGELES SHIP EXPLOSION

A ship explosion recalling the recent Texas City disaster shattered the Los Angeles waterfront. The vessel was a tanker filled only a few hours before with three million gallons of petrol. The main anxiety of early morning was to keep the blaze from other tankers almost alongside. It was six hours before that danger was over. Sixteen men died, thirty were injured. The damage bill reached two-million pounds.

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1. TITLE: PORT BLAST ROCKS LOS ANGELES
2. The port of Los Angeles rocked by a triple explosion. An 11,000-ton tanker, loaded with gasoline, blows up, spreading fire to nearby shore installations. Within a matter of minutes after the 2:00 AM blast, firemen are on the scene -- a scene that recalls, on a minor scale, the Texas City disaster.
8. At dawn, the fire is still raging. Not until six hours after the blast was it brought under control. The tanker had just taken aboard almost 3 million gallons of fuel when the explosion came. Early reports listed four dead, 12 missing and 30 injured. Property damage is estimated at over 10 million dollars.
16. Nearby are huge fuel tanks, luckily untouched. Clouds of disaster roll over the waterfront in the wake of the Los Angeles harbor blast.