

OIL FIRE.

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In the Rio Grande Valley a million cubic feet of gasoline and 500 barrels of oil went up in flame. Like a gigantic natural torch ~~this inferno~~ ^{the inferno} raged through many days and nights, while water was played on derricks and fire-fighters alike, so intense was the heat. A hole was sunk beside the crater of this man-made ~~inferno~~ volcano in an attempt to push a cap of earth across the shaft and suffocate the leaping monster of fire.

Montreal suffered a fire less spectacular, but with far graver consequences. First reports gave a total of sixteen boys, and one priest, who died in this ~~fire~~ ^{disaster} at the Roman Catholic College of the Sacred Heart. ~~Many were taken to hospital severely injured.~~

Nearly two hundred boys were sleeping in the college when the fire broke out. ~~A~~ ^A temperature of several degrees below zero caused a serious delay in getting the hoses to work. Morning found the college grimly draped with icicles that hung from gaping window-frames ^{faint stair ways} and ravaged walls. ~~But he laid his icy fingers upon the young youth of yesterday for whom there are no to morrows.~~