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Canada: A sudden outbreak of fire brings disaster to Montreal, with St. Gabriel's Church the centre of a desperate battle to save the 56 year old building.

Firemen from eighteen stations poured ~~approximately~~ 145,000 gallons of water per minute on ~~to~~ the blaze, as they fought to gain control.

The inside of the Church was gutted, but fortunately, Parish priests and local ~~volunteers~~ ^{volunteers} saved many of the valuable ornaments and vestments.

And from America, ~~comes~~ ^{came} one of the Newsreel pictures of the year, as thousands of tons of rock ~~crashes~~ from the face of mighty Niagara Falls. Loosened by seeping waters, the falling rock virtually wiped out a major power station that supplied most of New York State.

One workman was killed, while the damage has been estimated at ~~over~~ one hundred million dollars: the costliest rockfall in Niagara's history.