

America: A raging oil blaze, the most dreaded of all fires, brings death and disaster to a refinery, at Dumas, in Northern Texas. A minor outbreak, at first, the blaze assumed tragic proportions when, at this spot, a searing wall of flame trapped volunteer firemen, after two huge storage tanks had exploded.

Only after a desperate battle were nearby tanks saved: the firemen risking their lives to control a blaze that claimed eighteen victims. Across the world to Burma, where disaster struck with equal suddenness.

A series of earth-tremors brings desolation to the area of Sagaing

and the destruction of Pagodas - priceless relics of a bygone age, ^{also destroyed}

The Ava bridge, repaired only two years ago, after its war-time destruction - was another casualty.

Another tragic loss occurred in the ancient city of Amarapura, the former capital of this ancient kingdom. ~~The city, the two century old~~

~~Palace and pagoda lie in ruins.~~ History swept away in one night of terror!

Pahto dawgyi: Pa-hto-daw-gyi.