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FOREST FIRE IN AUSTRALIA.

Huge tracts of the State of Victoria have been swept by flame in the most damaging bush fire in its history. Driven before a 50 mile an hour gale, it swept across the dry acres, consuming everything in its path. Australian Armed forces were called in to assist in the emergency.

Four townships were completely burned out ... Thousands of people lost everything they possessed ... Twenty people died. Damage is estimated at two million pounds sterling.

Bush fires have cost Australia many millions in the past, but this most recent ordeal by fire eclipses them all.