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BIG FIRE IN STEPNEY

Flames leap a hundred feet into the air as a six-storey warehouse in Stepney is destroyed. Nearly 200 firemen and 36 pumps tackle the blaze while every London station is alerted to stand by. Twenty-one firemen are injured, six of them badly enough to go to hospital.

But by dawn the fire is under control, and almost out, as respirated firemen go into the choking fumes from burning sacks and bags to finish off their hard-won victory.

Whilst it lasted, this was one of the biggest fires in the East End since the blitz. The damage is estimated at more than a quarter of a million pounds.