

PARIS FIRE

In the Paris suburb of Colombes, fire breaks out in a large yard where thousands of rubber tyres are stacked. Quickly it becomes a raging inferno and the column of smoke spreads more than six hundred feet wide and sixty feet high, firemen from seventeen stations are rushed to the scene.

Despite every effort by the firefighters, the blaze blocks the Paris to Le Havre railway line. Many of the firemen are overcome by the heavy fumes, though there are no fatal casualties.

Sabotage was suspected at first, but now police believe that the sun reflecting on a piece of glass began the fire. Details of the damage have yet to be revealed, but it is estimated that many millions of francs worth of tyres have been destroyed, in one of the biggest blazes ever seen in Paris.