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NEW YORK DOCKSIDE BLAZE.

New York fireboats rush to battle with a huge blaze on the Brooklyn waterfront, pouring thousands of tons of waters a minute into the inferno while tugs brave the flames to haul merchant ships to safety. The initial fire exploded 4,000 tons of inflammable cargo on the city's largest pier, shattering windows as far as five miles away. Twelve people are known to be dead and at least 240 injured, while the cost will take weeks to determine - but it is estimated at many millions of dollars.

The fire burns late into the night, with some three hundred firemen struggling to get it under control. Warehouses and restaurants in the neighbourhood look as though a bomb has hit them. It's a miracle that hundreds of people were not killed in this chaos of smashed buildings and broken glass, the result of New York's worst waterfront blaze for 20 years.