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FATAL FIRE!

Perhaps never, in peacetime, has Britain known such a fire as this. All Glasgow was alarmed by the evening outbreak in Cheapside Street, in the Anderson Dockside area. Nearly 60,000 gallons of whisky were ablaze. Explosive stuff. And as increasing flames roared 200 feet over the rooftops the question was, could the fire be contained? Would the whole district be engulfed? 400 firemen worked in great peril. 25 fire engines, aided by river floats attacked the blaze.

Tragedy came as the brigades fought the inferno! A terrific explosion buried several firemen beneath a wall.

Dawn revealed the extent of the disaster. Three fire appliances were destroyed. One, a £17,000 new fire engine. As we receive these pictures it is reported that at least 19 fire-and-salvage men perished in the blaze, while damage may reach £10-million. Could it have been deliberately started? For this is Glasgow's third whisky fire in a few weeks.

In the afternoon Princess Margaret interrupted her programme to visit the scene of the blaze. Like all who saw it she was appalled. Here, in the space of a few hours, occurred human tragedy. Her Royal Highness expressed deep sympathy with the relatives of the men who died in this terrible fire....