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GREAT DOCK FIRE - - Biggest blaze
for many years causes over £3,000,000
damage at West India Docks.

-Poplar-

Picture. :-

This vast wreckage of store-houses and
materials at West India Dock is the result of a--

--tremendous fire which broke out at night. The
trouble started in a timber-shed--

--at Rum Quay, and soon spread to thousands of
spirit casks. Had it not been for--

--this old wall built by convicts a hundred-
and-thirty years ago, the entire dock might
have been--

--destroyed. Iron roofs to the rum stores
became red hot, while inside the explosions of--

--bursting spirit barrels punctuated the fire's
terrible progress. At times the River Thames
was--

--actually on fire, as the blazing rum poured
on to the water's surface. The Navy--

--may be affected. A few hundred thousands
of rum rations have 'gone west'. Bad luck,
all round.