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GREAT OIL BLAZE - - Terrific explosion  
causes disastrous fire at California's biggest oil refinery.  
Long Beach-

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Picture.:-

Some wonderful pictures of the appalling scenes at a petroleum fire in California. Scores of acres blazed after--

--an exploding pressure tank spurted petrol on the red-hot boilers of the oil refinery.

Streets were demolished when the blaze--

--went up. Nine people were--

--instantaneously killed, and large numbers injured. Owing to the--

--intense heat it was almost impossible to--

--get near the fire centre. For a time the entire populus--

--of the city of Long Beach was menaced.

And this - - just as she--

--was recovering from a disastrous earthquake.

Pouring rain made little or no impression on--

--this field of flaming death. That's part of the price civilization--

--pays for the popularising of the modern petrol engine.