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Picture.:-

One earth shaking explosion, and then a pillar of smoke--
--hundreds of feet high. Beneath it, raging, roaring--
--flames, hot as Hades which no-one dared approach, An--
--effort is made to save this fifty--
--thousand gallon tank, but it's--
--hopeless. First one tank burst, while testing. Then one after another they all go up, making the fire-fighters run--
--for their lives to avoid being frizzled in--
--burning oil. As the hours pass, it gets worse. Three men were killed in the--
--first few minutes, and scores have been injured since.

It's no place for a flock of birds !

The fire is expected to burn for at least ten days longer, and until the last--
--tank has burst no-one around will be safe. It's just an inferno down there. Watch the shadow--
--of UNIVERSAL'S news 'plane pass over the wall of smoke.

This makes Guy Fawkes celebrations look like a kid's harmless penny squib !