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£70,000 FIRE DESTROYS GERMAN FILM STUDIOS

Flames engulf the largest sound-stage of the big Munich Film Studio, as a sudden mystery fire deals a shattering blow to Germany's resurgent movie industry. Fire-fighters battle vainly to check the spread of the inferno as engines are called in from miles around. The seventy-thousand-pound blaze strikes as the last days' shooting are in progress on a new film. Top German film stars watch the unrehearsed spectacle, and unstinted dangers hardly dreamed of in the unreal world of the studio, provide newsreel cameras with hot news.

Studio workers brave the raging heat to drag cameras and equipment to safety, but celluloid burns fast and the flames spread.

Several people are overcome by smoke as the fire tightens its grip on the studio building. A sabotage theory is being investigated. In Munich, where blitz memories die hard, Germans find it "quite like old times."