

BOOMS TO CHECK OIL FIRES.

Australian authorities try out a bright idea for confining deck-side oil fires within a limited area. If storage tanks were bombed, millions of gallons of blazing oil might flow over the water, doing untold damage. Maritime Service Officers designed these floating booms, with which danger spots will be enclosed in an emergency. Only a hundred gallons of old oil caused this terrific blaze. Imagine what a Million gallons would do.

Sydney Fire Brigade and A.R.P. Officials conduct these tests, which prove that the booms thrown round the affected areas, hold the burning oil within bounds while the firemen go to work with a new chemical foam extinguisher.

The blaze hasn't a chance against modern science. The foam smothers the flames, and in less than three minutes we find that we must re-write the old saying "No smoke without fire", for below this great pall of smoke is just a boom-enclosed film of harmless foam.