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Picture:-

A disastrous fire at Dunston-on-Tyne destroys one thousand tons of timber. The scorching

heat endangered many homes; their inhabitants having to leave the threatened

zone. Two streets were cleared. The untiring efforts of the Fire Brigade succeeded in

confining the inferno

to the timber-yard itself. At one time the flames

leapt 60-feet in the air, lighting up

the whole district, and the nearby

river nearly boiled. The cause of the outbreak is unknown.