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GREAT FIRE IN LONDON.

TWO-DAYS' BLAZE.

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London's biggest fire of recent years has burned for three days. Report says that it may continue for some yet, although it is said to be under control. The tremendous heat from the blaze, and from the tons of rubber in the heart of the fire make Wapping much too hot for comfort. Dozens of brigades have been fighting the huge conflagration and hundreds of millions of gallons of water have been peured into the fearful furnace of white hot girders, and red hot embers. Several explosions occurred on the first day, but no injuries to the hundrads of firemen engaged are reported. The second day's work was rendered more trying by the pall of smoke which almost obscured the daylight, and at close quarters nearly suffocated those who were compelled to breathe it.

River fire-floats have worked without ceasing, localising the holocaust.

Crashing walls still punctuate their efforts, and the colossal damage to goods and property is at present impossible to estimate.