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NEW YORK FIRE.

New York firemen fight the city's most savage blaze in twenty years at a former department store which has been a "Manhattan Landmark" since the Civil War. Throughout the night, 600 firemen pour 7,000 gallons of water a minute, into the five-story inferno.

The old store, which was being torn down, was a marvel of construction in its day - iron-fronted, but with wooden beams and partitions, which now feed the flames from cellar to roof.

It takes 25 hours to control the blaze. But water floods into the subway, putting one line out of action for at least two weeks and dislocating traffic to the heart of the city.