

£10,000 Fire at File Works

Because residents thought the sounds came from the Melbourne Gun Club nearby explosions caused by a factory fire at Tottenham on Saturday went unheeded for some time.

By the time the warning was given the building was well alight.

The fire, which destroyed the despatch section of Wiltshire's File Co., caused damage estimated at more than £10,000.

The explosions were caused by the bursting of cement sheets.

It is believed the fire started in an oil dump in the factory.

The factory adjoins the White City coursing track.

Firemen from Sunshine and Eastern Hill had to break down a door to enter the building.

The assistant works manager (Mr. C. Dovey) risked serious injury to rescue important documents. He climbed through a broken window and working in intense heat handed the papers to people outside.

A delay in switching off the electric power impeded the fire brigades' efforts to quell the blaze.

About half an hour after the fire started the roof collapsed.

When a blazing rafter broke away from the roof an onlooker had a narrow escape from injury. The rafter struck him a glancing blow on the arm.

Firemen worked in water nearly to their knees to save valuable machinery in the machine shop. The fire did not severely damage this section of the building.

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