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Searching for Torso Murder Victims (1936)
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Shanty Town Firing
Defended by Ness

Machine-Learning and Hand Coloring Images

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TWO MORE TORSO VICTIMS FOUND

Police Squads Led by Ness in Hobe Roundup

Squad’s Surround Cliff Shacks and Take in Dwellers for Fingerprints

Cleveland HOLC Redlining Map (1936)

Glimpses of the Inhabitants

Lumber Yard (1931)
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Police seek Clews from Severed Leg

Skin Top Found in East Side Dump

Faint Hope Keeps Torso Hunt Alive

Blank Walls Greet Police at Each Clew’s End

TORSO CLEW IS FUTILE

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