40 FIRES THREATEN CITY IN ONE AREA

Volunteers Work While All Apparatus Fights on Dock Front Against Flames.

EMBERS CARRIED IN WIND

Many Blocks Endangered as Currents Sweep Burning Bits Into Residence Districts to Start New Blazes at Homes.

While every available piece of firefighting apparatus in the city was fighting the big dock fire down at the waterfront, between 40 and 60 small fires started within the area embraces by Williams avenue, the Montgomer, Gulch, McMillen street and the Willamette River.

The most serious was sustained by two-story dwelling at the corner of Williams avenue and Cherry street.

This house is 12 blocks from the
Northwest Door Company, and by the
time fire apparatus could be called
from the other fire the whole roof was crackling and sparks flying east to the stores on Williams avenue.

One Story Is Lost. Quick work saved the lower story, but the upper floor and roof were entirely destroyed.

The house is owned by A. B. Steinbach and is fully covered by insurance. The house was occupied by C. E. Veatch, an engineer for the O.-W. R. & N. Company. Most of the furniture was saved.

This fire started a general evanua-

This fire started a general evacua-tion of the houses of the neighborhood and on almost every street people could be seen moving valuables to the front porch, in preparation for a longer move, if the wind should vere again. Ten years ago this neighborhood was threatened in a similar manner when the Victoria dock burned, Cinders traveled as far as Union ave-

nue, nearly a mile from the waterfront. At a point nearly eight blocks away, 415 Ross street, the residence of M. J. Gill, wholesale meat dealer, cinders six inches square were found. In his back yard, 30 feet square, nine pieces were picked up, all of which were more than three inches long.

Mr. Gill's residence was in flames several times, as were all in the neighborhood.

At the corner of Dupont and Ross streets are several houses owned by M. J. Gill. These were on fire several times and were saved by the residents of the neighborhood, who formed volunteer companies for general protection.

The damage, in most instances, was slight, but the excitement and dan-ger was great. With the fire depart-ment required in so many places any one of the blazes might easily have started a conflagration.

Children Neglected by Crowd. Another residence attacked by the flying cinders was that of Dr. Clarence McAyeal, at 269 Broadway. Dr. McAyeal was at his office and his wife and children were alone at home.

The children were the first to notice
the flames and shouted to passersby,
but the rush of humanity was too in-

tent on the blaze below.
Finally Mrs. McAyeal was able to get a few men to come to her assistance and the roof was saved with a small hole as the only damage.

The residence of John Maxwell, 278
Benton street, was another which was
burning for a while, but was saved.

The Northwestern Electric Company's service was cut off from this section of the city for a while because of the burning of Water-street lines. It was resumed before dark and the damage did not exceed \$2500, according to one of the linemen.

Just across from the Northwest Door

Just across from the Northwest Door Company fire damaged the saloon of

The flats at 462 Larrabee street were slightly damaged. They are owned by A. J. Ross and those who extinguished the biaze say that \$150 will cover the damage. The three families in the building were Charles Martin. J. Versteeg and A. T. Davis.
Oscar Bantz, secretary of the Northwest Door Company, lives at 225 Dupont street. His house also caughbut the damage was negligible.

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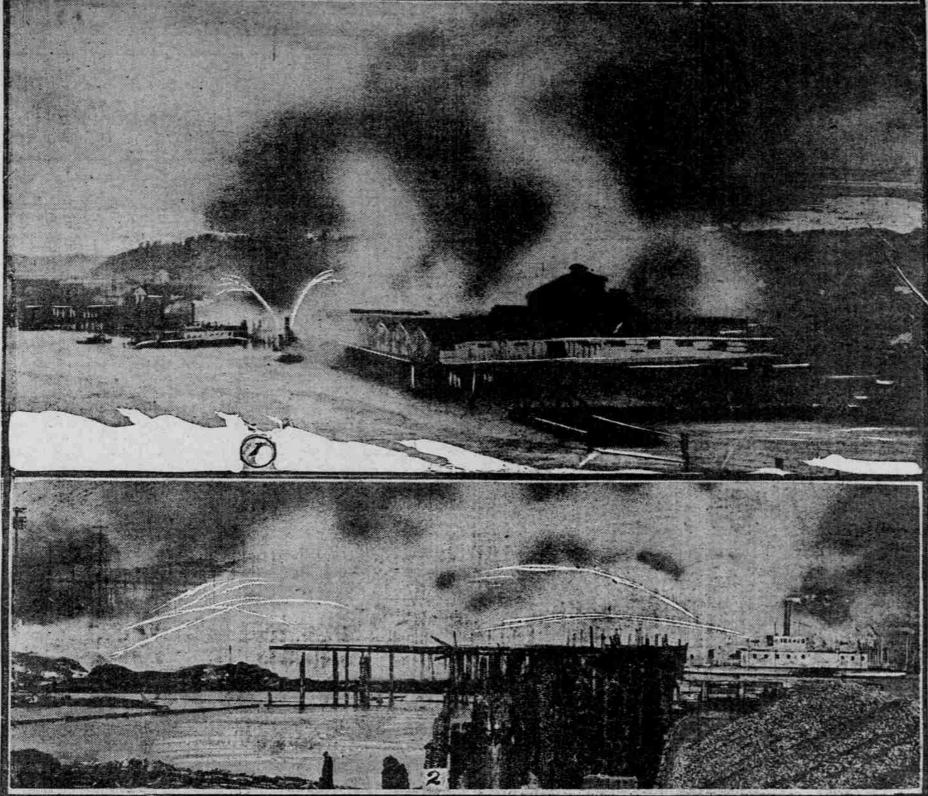
Sparks from the waterfront fire ig-nited the roof of A. Olson's house, 466 Larabee street. Before a ladder could be hoisted to the roof, M. G. Morrow, formerly with the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, climbed, hand over hand, up a vine at the side of the formerly with the Aberdeen Volunteer Fire Department, climbed, hand over hand, up a vine at the side of the house and attacked the flames. Meanwhile two women, one with a kettle of boiling water, the other with an empty bucket, were running frantically around on the second story veranda.

City Commissioner Bigelow congratulated Morrow on his resource and bravery.

The Poulsen had been working at the dock when the blaze started and her crew iet go the lines and she crossed to the other side of the harbor. When Columbia dock was destroyed, Mr. Houser lost considerable grain and on that saved it is said about half the value was realized.

The bodies of Sterling and Balough were recovered an hour after they had jumped from the corner of the North-

SCENES AT SPECTACULAR FIRE ON PORTLAND WATERFRONT YESTERDAY





1, General View of Fire, Irving Dock is in Foreground, With Fireboat Alongside; Northwest Door Company's Plant Was Between This Dock and Albina Ferry, Which Is Seen at Slip-2, View From River of Fireboat at Work. 3, Spectators on River Bank.

ard Connell, J. De Penning, Oscar Bantz and the E. A. Lynds estate.

The body of Sterling was recovered when the harbor patrol boat, in command of Captain Speier, arrived at the dock. Sterling bore bruises about the face, as though he had been struck by some object when jumping into the river. The pulmotor of the harbor police was employed and efforts made to resuscitate him. Internal hemorrhages, however, minimized the effect of the instrument.

The body of Sterling was recovered the flames sweep through the building. A brisk wind was blowing from the northwest which fanned the flames and made quick work of the mill. I closed both safes before leaving the office. I hope the records and books are preserved."

Burning Debris Blamed.

"The fire started from the old fire permitted to be kept up just across the ferry slip from our plant. Ever since the Ambulance Service Company. His taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. His taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. His taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. His taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. His taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. His taken to the St. Vincent's Hospital by the Ambulance Service Company. His taken to the Ambulance Service Sterling's Body Is Recovered.

City Grappler Brady, of the harbor police, who was on his way home when the fire broke out, was notified of the drowning of the men and hastened to harbor police headquarters. He was taken to the scene of the drowning and soon afterwards recovered the seen

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loaned their aid and, with Harbormas-ter Speier and operators of the pulmo-tors, tried for more than an hour to been smouldering in the grain, but that restore Sterling and for two hours in the had been informed by F. O. David trying to bring Balough back to life.

stroyed.

"I was sitting in my office dictating letters to my stenographer, Miss Olive Trefren, when I heard someone outside call "fire." There was a fire-alarm box in my office and the first thing I did was to break the glass and send in an alarm. I then reached for some outside of the interior and walked through the after extinguisher and ran outside. A a fire extinguisher and ran outside. A passageway between the dock and the small blaze had started immediately yard of the Northwest Door Company, under the office. Miss Trefren ran calling for help. I gave the extina fire extinguisher and ran outside. Small blaze had started immediately under the office. Miss Trefren ran calling for help. I gave the extinguisher to a man and rushed to the engineer and told him to shut down the machinery and blow the whistle. ulsher to a limit of successful the machinery and blow the whistle.

"When I started back to the office entrance the fire had almost cut off my escape. The engineer followed me and all we could do was stand and watch the flames sweep through the buildthe flames with wind was blowing from the flames with the flames with the flames injuries are not serious.

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permitted to be kept up just across the ferry slip from our plant. Ever since the destruction of the Columbia Docks we have had men and hose lines guardwe have had men and hose lines guarding our property. I have remonstrated
with all the city authorities over the
burning of debris from that fire so
close to our plant. I have appealed to
Mayor Albee, Chief of Police Clark and
the Fire Department but to no avail. taken to the scene of the drowning and soon afterwards recovered the second body. For nearly two hours a group of volunteer assistants worked on the body with pulmotor, hot cloths and massage. Their efforts were futile, however, and reluctantly he was given up as dead.

Miss Lucie Schmit, a teacher in the trades school and a Red Cross nurse, was passing with a launch party and volunteered her services. Dr. J. A. B. St. said last night that there was no pos-

Clair, U. S. N., and Dr. Curtis Holcomb sibility of the fire having caught from J. C. DePenning, superintendent of the Northwest Door Company, deof the Northwest Door Company, de-scribed the start of the fire and the speed with which the plant was de-stroyed.

Mr. Ross was at the scene of the fire last night and narrowiy escaped being mobbed by workingmen, who will probably be

Fire Chief Injured.

The total loss was \$643,500, of which \$400,000 was grain owned by M. H. Houser. The fire had many spectacular incidents, including the burning of he steamer Cricket as it floated down tream. It was from this burning out that Mentgomery dock caught fire

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M. H. Houser, lessee of Irving dock and who had 7000 tons of grain stored there, was protected by insurance ag-gregating \$200,000, and he placed his loss last night at from \$10,000 to \$15,000, most of which was due to damage

by water.
"We have not been hampered by the

were recovered an hour after they had jumped from the corner of the North-



Fire Chief Dowell, Whose Arm

mate of their losses. Besides the damage to the dock and elevator, he feared that valuable machinery con-tained in the elevator would be almost total loss.
"I went over the property

"I went over the property as thoroughly as possaible last night, but could not ascertain the extent of the damage," said Mr. Greer. "I am afraid that the piling under the dock was damaged. As the property is leased to Mr. Houser, we had no financial interest in the contents. Our losses are fully covered by insurance."

The Irving Dock Company is made up of the following stockholders; Gay Lombard, W. A. Lombard, H. B. Lombard and Mrs. H. L. Nyman. Mr. Lombard, the president is in Spokane.

The stockholders of the Northwest Door Company are Sam Connell, Rich-

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