

POLICE HAVE A CLUE TO FIREBUG

Description of Pyromaniac Furnished by Woman
Who Saw Him Last Night—Grave
Danger Threatens City.

Chief David Campbell of the Fire Department—We are very anxious that the firebug be captured. Our department will be only too glad to assist the police in any way possible. The firebug has been seen at a stage at which something must be done at once.

Chief Charles E. Hunt of the Police Department—I have detailed men to work on what clues we have. We want to catch this fellow, but it must be remembered that a firebug is a wily criminal. It is one thing to make an arrest and another to convict, as experience proves. We have arrested several suspects this year, but there was not sufficient evidence to convict any of them.

The situation in Portland is grave. At the hands of an unscrupulous and crafty firebug life and property are in extreme danger. The Police and Fire Departments are working hand in hand to apprehend the dangerous pyromaniac who during the past few days has started a half dozen fires.

The work of the incendiary has been marked by cunning and skill. In every case he has laid his plans well and his intentions have been frustrated only by the timely discovery of the fire which he has set. In several instances he has been seen running away, but he has not been captured.

The police are working diligently and secretly today on a valuable clue furnished them last night. The man who set fire to the Exposition Building and who attempted to burn the Hesperian Boarding House was seen by several persons, and the following description has been furnished the authorities:

Age 21; weight 135; height 5 feet 6 or 7 inches; smooth face; dark complexion; hair very black; attired in black overalls, black shirt and brown, Federa hat.

A valuable clue to the firebug was furnished the police today by three small boys. One of them named Thompson. These boys were standing behind the Exposition Building last night when they saw a man emerge from under the building. He was carrying a small basket which smelled of kerosene. With youthful curiosity they started to enter as the strange man came out. He deterred them by saying:

"Don't go in there; there are three policemen in there and they will catch you."

The boys were somewhat frightened but after the man had walked away they went in to find that the pile of boards and kindling was burning fiercely.

The three lads all agree in their description of the man. It is identical with that published by The Journal. The police believe the evidence of the boys of much value and it is this clue on which they depend for results.

Seen by a Woman.

Mrs. A. E. Crocker, proprietress of the Hesperian Boarding House, saw the man coming from a gulch back of her house where the place where the fire started. He looked like a Chinese in the deepening gloom of the early evening, but investigation by the police has led them to conclude that the firebug was a white man. Officers have been detailed today to run the fellow down at any risk.

Chief Hunt having come to a realization of the extreme danger of the situation, what is being done the Chief would not state, but it is known that every effort is being made to put a stop to the danger.

Since the first of the year the pyromaniac has been pursuing his nefarious calling with extreme diligence in the city. The Journal has compiled a list of the incendiary fires in Portland since January 1, taking the official records and the files of this paper.

Those fires, known to have been started by a firebug, aggregated 39 in number, including the case of the city. The estimated loss resulting from the work of the destroyer of property is \$271,735. The loss at the Victoria dock, burned March 10, is the largest, the figure for this being \$222,250.

While the records reveal an alarming condition in Portland during the past seven months they do not convey the full meaning of the conditions. Besides the cases mentioned in the subject of this article, the Journal is considered there were probably twice as many incendiary fires in the city in the same length of time. Many fires of questionable origin have been discovered by watchmen and citizens, but were not reported. In one manufacturing institution it is said the watchman discovered four incipient flames within a few days and during the same time the fires leading to prevent the sending in of a prompt alarm. This proves that the incendiary worked with devilish cunning and his plans were frustrated only by extreme watchfulness and diligence.

Victoria Dock Wreck.

The Victoria dock fire was the most damaging incendiary blaze of the year. This was known to have been the work of the firebug, for the pyromaniac was seen fleeing from the scene of his crime. During March there were three incendiary fires, but the resulting indignation and police vigilance evidently frightened the perpetrator temporarily, for in April there was only one known attempt.

The events of the past few days show that the firebug has returned to his nefarious work. He has attempted to burn up the town. Up to last night there had been seven recent fires of incendiary origin discovered, and if the work continues this month will break March's untimely record.

The police have concluded that the firebug who is now operating in Portland is not the same who caused the scare five months ago. The descriptions are altogether different and the man's methods are not like those of the other. The March pyromaniac attempted to burn the docks and buildings along the water front. The man who is causing the present sensation has confined his efforts to dwelling and stable in the residence portions of the city, both sides of the river having suffered by his visits.

Object Is Unknown.

The object of the incendiary is an unknown quantity. Why he should desire to destroy property and endanger life is a mystery to all. However, it is a significant fact that the attempts to burn partially completed residences have been numerous. Again, residences of contractors, lumber yards, carpenter shops and planing mills seem to have been placed under the ban by him. Why he should have a grievance against those in the lumber business, or contractors is a question yet to be answered.

In the light of the grave situation, the Portland Fire Department has acquired itself creditably. Handicapped by a lack of men and apparatus, forced to make runs which tax equine endurance to the utmost and often hindered by a lack of water pressure, the firemen

have kept the losses from being very heavy of late. That this has been the case is a high compliment to Chief Campbell and his brave subordinates.

Alarms Are Numerous.

Including yesterday, there have been 270 alarms in Portland since the first of the year. For the whole of 1902 there were but 423. The activity of the firebug is responsible for the increase.

The following table shows in a nutshell the number of known or supposed incendiary fires in Portland from January 1 to date, with the loss each month:

Month	Alarms	Loss
January	2	1,250
February	15	254,640
March	1	222,250
April	1	30
May	1	8,140
June	1	800
July (estimated)	7	7,150
August 1 to 12 (est'd)	7	7,150
Total	39	\$271,735

Fired Exposition Building.

Following his early morning labors yesterday the pyromaniac became more bold last night. In the bloom of the evening and a short distance from Multnomah Field, where hundreds of people were gathered, he applied his torch to the Exposition Building and to the Hesperian boarding-house, 533 Morrison street.

Both fires were discovered before they had gained headway, and the resulting damage was slight. In both cases the firebug was seen, but he succeeded in escaping. These fires confirm the already growing suspicion that the fiend has returned to Portland.

The Exposition was fired about 7:30 o'clock. This building is a veritable fire-trap, and the incendiary evidently counted on a fierce blaze. Two large livery stables are now quartered in this building, and had the blaze secured a start, dozens of valuable horses would have been cremated.

Near the center of the old machinery hall a pile of boards had been arranged in the shape of a pyramid, and then the torch was applied. An employee of Kilpatrick's show discovered the blaze, and the timely warning he gave resulted in the prompt response of Engine Company No. 3. The flames were extinguished before doing any damage.

It was 8:15 o'clock when the fire at the boarding-house was discovered. In the rear of the Hesperian are three or four dilapidated vacant houses. In one of these three piles of rubbish had been fired, and the flames were merrily licking up the inflammable material at hand when a boarder saw the smoke and gave the alarm. Engine Company No. 1 responded and the blaze was soon extinguished. Had the attempt been made later at night, it is possible that a number of lives would have been sacrificed.

Incendiary Fires.

January 4, 8:15 p. m.—Dwelling at 947 Mallory street, occupied by George Myers; loss \$25.

February 3, 7:35 p. m.—A. Panek's mattress factory, 768 Vaughn street; loss \$500.

February 5, 8:35 p. m.—Second-hand store of S. Masursky, 85 Third street; loss \$750.

March 9, 12:58 p. m.—Dock foot of Overton street; extinguished before any damage was done.

March 10, 4:40 a. m.—Bakery owned by Mrs. J. W. Rae on East Side; loss \$2,400.

Fire spread to seven adjacent stores and dwelling, causing a further loss of \$20,625.

March 10—Broadway and Dupont streets, Northwest Warehouse Company's property, Victoria dock; loss \$222,250.

Seven adjacent dwellings on Larabee street; loss of \$1,300 additional.

March 10, 9 p. m.—Front street, Zan Brothers' wooden willow factory; loss \$300. Origin unknown, but supposed incendiary.

Fire spread to adjoining candy factory of F. F. Haraden and wholesale number, including the case of the city. The estimated loss resulting from the work of the destroyer of property is \$271,735. The loss at the Victoria dock, burned March 10, is the largest, the figure for this being \$222,250.

March 11, 4 a. m.—Smouldering fire in Canning, Wallace & Co's store; no loss.

March 15—Vacant frame dwelling house of T. McNamara, 768 Vaughn street; extinguished with buckets of water.

March 15, 8:55 p. m.—Lumber yard of Hockenjos & Buffington Company, Tenth and Flinders streets; loss \$15,135.

March 22, 6:10 a. m.—308-314 East Yamhill, factory of Portland Pulley Company; loss \$4,100.

Fire spread to adjoining planing mill of the Enterprise Manufacturing Company; loss \$2,750.

March 22, 5:15 p. m.—441 East Morrison street, lumber yard of Portland Mill & Fixture Company; fire discovered in time and no damage resulted.

March 26, 8 p. m.—Railroad avenue and Lewis street; Albina; Crowfoot & McAlay warehouse; loss \$200 on contents.

March 30, 1:30 a. m.—405 Flinders street, frame storehouse occupied by B. F. Foster; nominal loss.

Fire spread to adjoining planing mill of Hockenjos-Buffington Company, 100 Tenth street north; loss \$15,135.

March 26, 7:35 p. m.—Front and Reed streets, Eastern Lumber Company; fire discovered in time and extinguished without loss.

March 26, 11:05 p. m.—100 Tenth street north, Hockenjos & Buffington planing mill; loss \$5; extinguished with a bucket of water.

March 27, 7 a. m.—Sixteenth and Pettygrove streets, planing mill of George Ainslie Company; no loss.

April 4, 8:10 p. m.—406 Sacramento street, dwelling of J. Finn; no loss; extinguished with bucket of water.

May 30, 11 p. m.—J. A. Melton lumber yard, Seventh and Froese streets; loss \$30.

June 3, 11 p. m.—Foot Thurman street, Bannock-Vessey wood yard; loss \$15.

June 4, 1:20 a. m.—549 Pettygrove, house occupied by J. Dignan; loss, \$1,475.

Fire spread to adjoining dwelling occupied by N. H. Foeller; loss \$75.

June 5, 9:55 p. m.—68 Second street north, planing mill of Nicolai Brothers Company; loss \$2,225.

Fire communicated to 66 North Second street occupied by Portland Brass and Iron Works; loss \$2,000.

June 14, 12:15 a. m.—445 Benton street, vacant dwelling owned by F. Ritter; loss \$1,300.

Fire spread to adjoining vacant dwelling at 442 Benton street; loss \$50.

July 4—East Eleventh street, fire in vacant dwelling; small loss.

July 13, 12:50 a. m.—East Thirteenth and Fremont, vacant dwelling owned by I. Wickman; loss \$50.

July 13, 1:40 a. m.—882 East Eleventh, vacant house owned by D. Flannigan; slightly damaged.

July 18, 8:25 a. m.—Dwelling at Third and Pine streets, occupied by Miss E. M. Grant; small loss.

July 26—Attempt to burn Clinton Kelly schoolhouse.

July 26—306 East Yamhill, Enterprise Planing Mill; nominal loss.

August 4—East Ash street and river, houseboat destroyed by firebug; total loss \$2,000.

August 10, 8:10 a. m.—Barn and two dwellings, Stark and East Twenty-sixth; loss \$2,000.

August 10—Attempt made to burn blacksmith shop of Daily & Co., East Water and Belmont streets; no damage.

August 10, 10:30 p. m.—Carpenter shop of McKenzie & Wallace, Twelfth and Everett streets; loss \$2,000.

August 11, 12:30 a. m.—Attempt made to burn new coat of W. B. Lundberg, Falling street, near Garfield; loss \$50.

August 11, 12:30 a. m.—Fire in chicken coop of J. J. Burns, Raleigh, near Twenty-fourth street; small damage.

August 11—Attempt to burn Exposition Building; no damage.

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The young woman says that the reason she was punished was because she resented an insult offered by the warden. She says that one day she was alone in an upper part of the prison with the warden, and he suddenly made indecent proposals and she refused. He then told her that if she mentioned the matter he would horse-whip her. Believing that she had mentioned the action, he next day administered terrible punishment, from which she is still suffering. She stated the statement of the girl in all its points, but the Commissioners are of the opinion that the young woman is telling the truth.

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Journal's List of Horses and Weights for Tomorrow's Races.

SEATTLE, Aug. 12.—Following are the overnight entries at the Meadows track for tomorrow:

First race, 6 furlongs, selling, 4-year-olds and up:

Capitola	107	Little Minch	100
Montana	108	King Henry	100
Turfel	108	Florist II	100
Mythros	108	Moond	90
Cote	107		

Second race, 5 1/2 furlongs, selling, 4-year-olds and up:

Almoner	114	MacFleckle	114
Katherine Ennis	107	Nanon	112
Repart	108	Ship Me	107
Ellis Glenn	112	Educate	107

Third race, 6 furlongs, selling, 4-year-olds and up:

July Gry	90	Tourist II	97
Knockings	97	Mr. Robson	112
Marello	100	Reciprocity	100
Avastor	108	Ramseno	100
Rosebud	79		

Fourth race, 1 mile and a 16th, selling, 4-year-olds and up:

Julius	111	Arthur	111
Fonde	107	Veritas	111
Limber Jim	107	Admetus	107
Angie	108	Windward	107
Boreen	103		

Fifth race, 7 furlongs, selling, 4-year-olds and up:

Ed. Liechtenstein	108	Ira	100
Montano	108	Yellowstone	111
The Toller	108	Walter H.	102
Seller	108		
Stark	94	5 1/2 furlongs, purse,	