

22 EAST SIDE HOUSES BURN

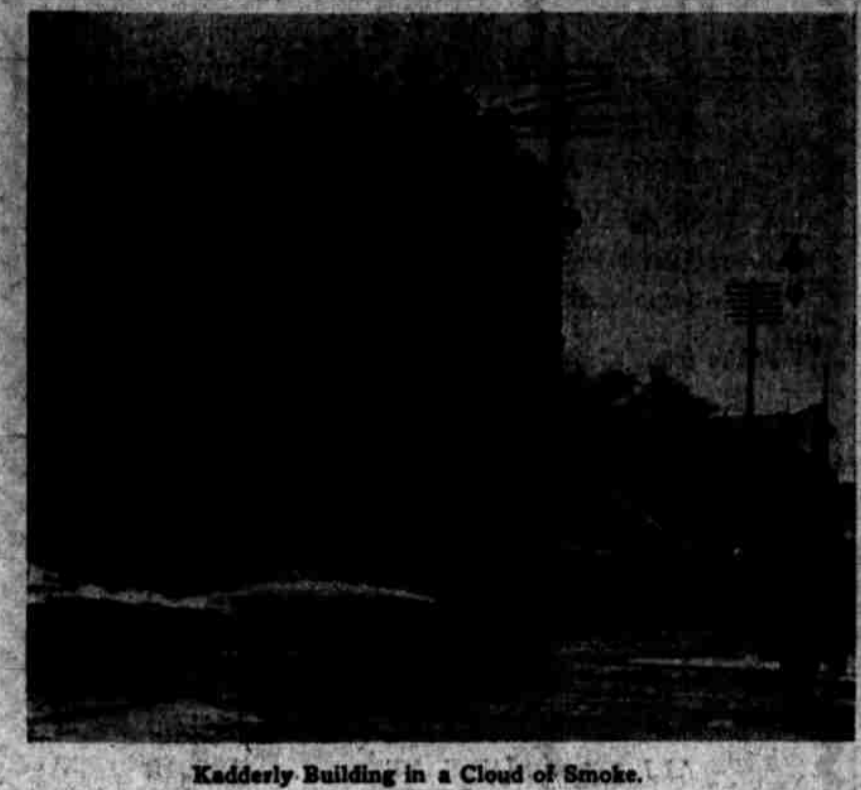
Hundreds of Lives Endangered in the Destruction of Four Entire Blocks—Loss is \$118,000 and Insurance \$31,750

Boy Leaps From Window and Man's Leg Is Broken—Flames Started by an Exploding Stove in the Iowa Lodging House.

For five hours this morning Portland's entire fire department with the exception of the exposition company, struggled with a conflagration that swept the east side, devastating four blocks of buildings, rendering scores of people homeless and entailing a loss of approximately \$118,000.

When it was seen that the east side department could not successfully cope with the fire a second call for engines 1 and 6 and truck 1 was turned in.

then beaten down, and running along the dry and worn-rotten beams and rafters that support the elevated roadway and buildings they turned the stagnant, unsightly pools and sloughs into brilliantly colored lagoons.



Kaddery Building in a Cloud of Smoke.

\$32,000 INSURANCE TO COVER A LOSS ESTIMATED AT OVER \$118,000

Burned District Was Regarded by Underwriters as the Greatest Risk in the City and as a Result Premiums Were High to the Point of Prohibition.

- The estimated losses from the fire aggregate \$118,000; there was about \$32,000 insurance on buildings and stocks destroyed or damaged. The small proportionate amount of insurance is accounted for by the high premium rates charged for that locality.

As the flames swept from one building to another and a general conflagration seemed imminent, there was a panic in the homes, apartment houses and hotels in the neighborhood.

Three people were injured, women too ill to make their escape unaided from impending death were rescued by firemen, river and streetcar traffic was suspended until noon, telephone connection was cut off, and a financial loss of about \$120,000 was sustained before one of the fastest and fiercest fires in Portland's history was under control at noon.

The fire started in the kitchen of the Iowa restaurant, at Union avenue and East Stark street, and was caused by the explosion of a gasoline stove.

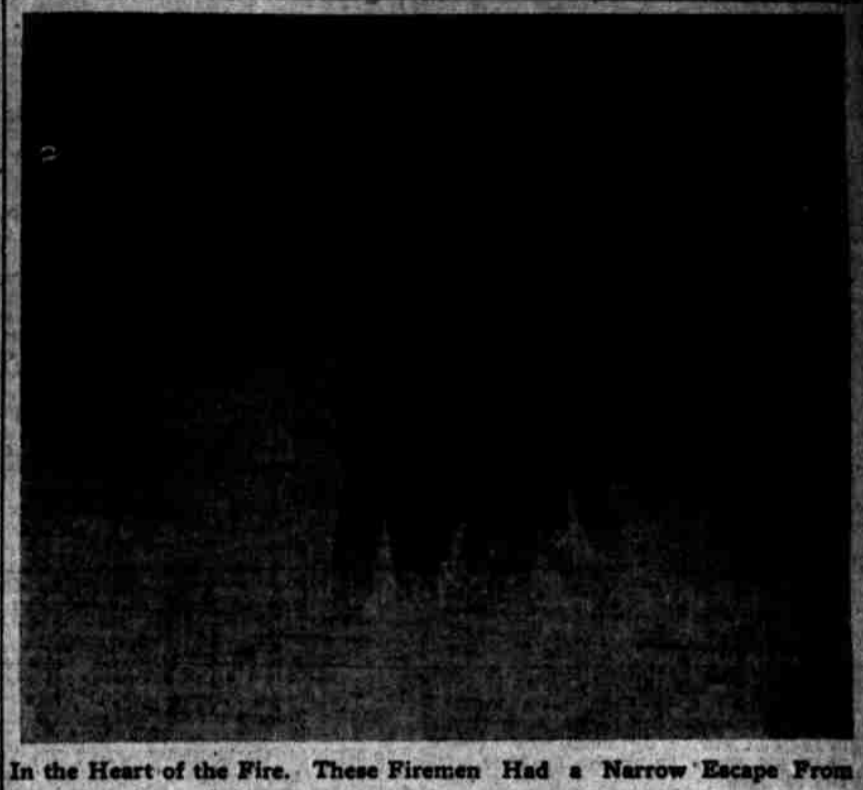
- Parrett Machine works, loss \$2,500. Multnomah Machine works, loss \$200. F. W. McKeeher, two-story building, loss \$2,400; insurance \$500. J. Bailey, tinshop, loss \$400. T. Poole, paintshop, loss \$400. Mrs. Henry Erdman, lodging-house, loss \$2,500. McKeeher frame building, loss \$1,200; insurance \$500. White's auto garage, loss \$100. 1224 1/2 street, two-story building, loss \$4,000. Mrs. Bahrens' mission, loss \$500. F. W. Bailey, locksmith, loss \$100. Mrs. Albaugh, household furniture, loss \$300. Bailey building, loss \$400. J. J. Kaddery, stable, loss \$500. Gin Bin, laundry, loss \$1,000. Mary Hinchley, furniture, loss \$100. E. C. Werner, furniture, loss \$100. Lambert & Sargent, agents, two cottages, loss \$500. S. Babler, hardware, loss \$500. J. E. Michaela, rooming-house, loss on furniture, \$300; insurance, \$150. P. Sharkey & Sons, harnessmakers, loss \$100. Kearn Bros., Furniture and hardware, loss \$1,000; insurance, \$500. Mrs. E. R. McLaughlin, rooming-house, loss, \$500. Portland Consolidated Railway company, tracks, cables and elevated roadway, loss, \$13,000. Portland General Electric, loss, \$3,000. Pacific States Telephone company, loss, \$5,000. City of Portland, East Oak street sewer and elevated roadway on Grand avenue, Union avenue, East Stark, Oak and Pine streets, \$16,000. Paint shop, owner unknown, loss, \$500. Poultry house, owner unknown, loss, \$100. Had the fire occurred yesterday the Air-Tight Stove Manufacturing company's loss would have been \$5,000 heavier. They had taken with the Harvey O'Bryan agency a \$5,000 additional policy, which went into effect last evening at 6 o'clock.

There was a stiff southeasterly breeze this morning. It fanned the flames and sent burning embers hissing into the stagnant pools below the elevated roadway and buildings. It was a spectacular fire.

Twenty thousand people walked to their work this morning on account of the fire and several hundred will walk for a day or two unless they can find private conveyances.



Working the Fire Engines on the Burning Elevated Roadway.



In the Heart of the Fire. These Firemen Had a Narrow Escape From Death When the Roadway Caved In.

CARS STOP, DYNAMOS ARE STILLED AND TELEPHONES ARE SILENCED

Twenty Thousand People Have to Walk to Work and Montavilla and East Ankeny Cars Are Out Because of Conflagration on the East Side of River.

Patrons of the telephone company suffered great inconvenience, as two of the east side cables and hundreds of wires were on Union and Grand avenues and were destroyed. Superintendant Thatcher said concerning the situation: "Some of the suburban lines are out, but the chief trouble is with the lines that serve the central east side district. Roughly the stretch included in the powerless district is from East Ash south to Madison street, and from the river east to Tenth or Twelfth street. This includes all the east side wholesale and the major portion of the retail business district, and we will rewire the service just as soon as our workmen can string temporary lines, which will not be for some time on account of the hot run they have to work in, and the number of lines to be reconstructed. We hope, however, to have the major portion of the disabled service in operation by tomorrow noon or evening."

with the fire and for the day neither power nor light was given the business section of the east side, many of the smaller factories and shops taking a rest because their dynamos were stilled. "As soon as it is cool enough for the men to work in the ruins we will string temporary wires," said Superintendent P. G. Bykes, "and service will be resumed this evening. One street and two incandescent mains were severed, but we will be able to fix up temporary lines so that the district will be given power and light service tonight. You can tell the people that there is no fear that the streets will be dark or that householders will have to fall back on oil lamps."

SOCIETY FORMED TO SLAY WEALTHY HEBREWS

Jewish Editor Told to Become Christian or Else He Will Be Assassinated.

New York, Aug. 22.—Death for wealthy, prosperous Hebrews of New York. It is learned today, is the threat made in a letter received by Philip Cowan, editor of the American Hebrew, which he promptly turned over to the police. Cowan received the letter in April and neither he nor Madson paid much attention to it at the time, but the sending of infernal machines to Jacob H. Schiff and the Guggenheims brought it to light. The letter reads in part: "I wish to notify you that a number of men of different nationalities, of good character and education, have formed into a secret society and chosen me for its leader. The object of the society is to kill any Jew prominent or rich, or that in future becomes prominent or rich in North or South America, unless such Jew changes his faith and becomes a Christian."

SAYS TEREDO IS NOT DAMAGING THE OYSTERS

Astoria, Or., Aug. 22.—H. M. Bransford, general manager of the Northern Oyster company, denies that the teredo is damaging the oyster beds of the North Pacific coast. He says the teredo is not an enemy of the oyster, but that reference must have been intended for starfish, which have done some damage. There is no danger from the teredo and not more from the starfish than usual.

MILLIONAIRE FIREMEN WIN GLORY IN FLAMES

Amateur Fire-Fighters Save Property by Smashing It Before Putting Out Flames.

New York, Aug. 22.—The millionaire fire department of Larchmont Manor had a chance to distinguish itself last night when the fashionable Mitchell house took fire and the wealthy fire-fighters gave a remarkably prompt answer. When the alarm was sounded the company of eight firemen started to the scene of the conflagration, but while on the way six of them discovered they had forgotten their red shirts and helmets and turned back to get them. They arrived at the fire 10 minutes later. Though the blaze was in the kitchen, the firemen began to hack away with axes at the walls and inside floor of the dining-room. Then it occurred to them to try to remove the property from the burning building. All dashed up stairs and in a few minutes the spectators saw expensive garments being tossed out of the rooms of the second floor and fall on the branches of trees, where they became entangled and ruined. Several thousand dollars' worth of women guests' clothing was lost in this way. The firemen threw expensive furniture out of the windows and smashed to pieces on the ground. Meantime the fire in the kitchen was blazing merrily. After some delay a hose connected to a hydrant and the flames were quickly extinguished.

EARTHQUAKE TUMBLES DOWN FAIR STRUCTURE

St. Louis, Aug. 22.—A section of the education building at the world's fair grounds was tumbled by an earthquake last night and the building was completely destroyed. The structure was built on a soft foundation and the ground beneath it was very loose.

Looking North on Union Avenue at 9 o'Clock When the Fire Was Raging—Photo by Kiser Photographic Co.