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DEARBORN BUILDING COMPLETELY GUTTED BY FIRE \$50,000 LOSS IN SPECTACULAR MIDNIGHT BLAZE

Prince William Street Structure Reduced to Ruins—
Police Officers First Saw Flames—Family Escapes
in Night Clothes—Firemen Fought Against Diffi-
culties, but Did Great Work—Other Fires on
Saturday.

The fire department was called out three times on Saturday night and early Sunday morning, and while two of the fires were slight, one that was discovered at 11:15 o'clock Saturday night, and which destroyed the Dear-

born building and contents, at 93 Prince William street, was most serious. The damage done to the building will amount to about ten thousand dollars, while the stock and fixtures destroyed will mean a loss of over thirty thousand dollars. The total loss to build-

ing and stock will approximate fifty thousand dollars.

The building was insured for \$20,000 and the stock for \$24,000. The insurance on both building and stock is held in the offices of Lockhart and Ritchie, W. M. Jarvis, T. B. and H. B. Robinson, C. E. L. Jarvis and Son.

Speaking to The Standard yesterday an insurance man said that the loss to the stock would be total, while it was estimated that perhaps the damage to the building would amount to about \$10,000.

While Dearborn and Company, Ltd. occupy nearly the entire building as a wholesale groceries, spices, coffee and extracts, there were three other tenants who had offices in the building, viz., the Toledo Scales Co., W. E. Lawton, real estate agent, and Messrs. Kane and Ring, contractors. The fixtures in these offices were destroyed by water and smoke. Just what started the fire will probably never be known. The last person left the building about five o'clock Saturday afternoon, and at that time everything was in good order. A few years ago the building was all remodeled and placed in modern order, there being a number of fine rooms for offices.

At 11:15 o'clock Saturday night while Police Officers Journeay and Crowe were walking along Water street towards the ferry, they noticed the fire breaking out the top story of the building. In fact the officers' attention was first directed to the fire when the windows were blown out by the heat, and with a roar the flames leaped half way across the street.

The police hastened to box 26, on the City Hall, and sent in the alarm. Immediately on top of the first alarm, a second was sent in, bringing extra apparatus to the fire. The fire had a good start before it was discovered, for when the alarm was sent in, flames were pouring out of the two upper stories, both on Prince William and Water streets, and had also broken out through the roof.

With the second alarm sent in from this business district and the sky and surroundings being illuminated, thousands of people braved the cold and hastened to the scene.

On the top story of the building adjoining the Dearborn structure there resides Mrs. John McCavour and her family, some of the latter being little girls. The family were in bed when the fire broke out, and when they awakened and looked out of the window they could see nothing but a mass of flames. There was little time to be lost, and picking up what clothing they could, they rushed to the street, in the cold. They were very much excited, but kind hands took care of them and placed them to a place of safety.

Police Inspector Wickham, with a squad of officers, quickly arrived, assisted the fire police in roping off the street, and looking after the crowd of sightseers. Commissioner McLellan was also soon on the scene and assisted Chief Jackson in directing the firemen in fighting the flames.

It was no easy task that lay before the fire fighters. The two upper stories of the building were a seething mass of flames which poured from the windows and the roof. The aerial truck was stationed on Prince William street, in front of the burning building, and with the monitor nozzle raised to a level with the burning floors, an excellent stream of water was poured into the flames. This stream was directed from one window to another, and although the task looked hopeless the water tower did good work.

Two lines of hose were run in through the Prince William street entrance of the building and the firemen went as far up the stairs as the flames would permit and here they took a stand in a successful attempt to keep the fire from eating its way down into the centre of the building.

No. 3 hose wagon, with its gun, was placed opposite the building on Water street, and through this gun passed three streams of water and this deluge was effectively thrown into the top windows, and did excellent work in keeping the fire from eating into the adjoining building.

A couple of other streams were raised to the roof of Mrs. H. Brennan's building on the corner of Water and Princess streets, and these streams were poured into the centre of the fire. No. 1 steam engine was stationed on the corner of Prince William and Princess street; No. 3 engine on the corner of Prince William and Church streets; No. 4 engine on the corner of Water and Market Square, while the motor engine was stationed on the corner of Water street and the Jardine alley. In all about a dozen strong streams of water were being poured effectively into the burning building.

The firemen suffered considerably from the cold weather as the water froze on them about as soon as it struck their clothing. The firemen never worked harder in their lives, and after a couple of hours' fighting it could be plainly seen that the flames had been beaten, and that the fire was being practically kept to the two upper floors. The work of the firemen was highly complimented, for what was at first expected to be a blaze that would destroy more than one building was confined to the two floors which were on fire when the department arrived on the scene.

The Salvage Corps did good work with their rubber covers in saving quite a lot of furniture and goods, as well as covering the goods in the adjoining buildings, in case the water came through in that section.

During the first part of the fire a large plate glass window in J. & A. McMillan's store, directly across from the Dearborn building, was broken, but very little of the goods in the window was damaged.

It was 5:30 o'clock yesterday morning before the last spark of the fire was quenched and the firemen were enabled to pick up frozen hose and retire to their respective stations. It had been a hard fight but a victory for which the firemen are to be congratulated.

Early Evening Fire.

About 6:45 o'clock Saturday evening the watchman of the McAvity Shell Factory at the Exhibition Building saw flames leaping up near the rear of the building and he sent in an alarm from box 47. The storm was raging at the time but the fire department made a quick response and found that the fire was caused by an old mattress and blanket, which had caught on fire in a section of the Exhibition Building occupied by the 69th Battalion and had been thrown out of the window by the soldiers. The fire was quickly extin-

guished but for a time being so close to the factory was very dangerous. It was reported to Commissioner McLellan that this was not the first time burning articles had been thrown out of the windows by the soldiers. The commissioner visited the section of the building occupied by the soldiers and found where a window sash had been broken out so that the burning mattress could be thrown out. The officer of the day was summoned and the commissioner pointed out strongly the carelessness and the great danger which existed in the building.

At 2:15 o'clock yesterday morning Police Officer Henriksen discovered that the grocery store owned by Wm. Sleeves on Union street was on fire. The officer sent in an alarm from box 18. The fire was discovered to have caught from some firewood which had been placed behind a stove. The fire had eaten its way into the wall before it was discovered, and the firemen on the chemical engine had difficult work in the thick smoke before they got the fire under control. The damage done by fire, smoke and water will amount to about two hundred dollars.

Yesterday Commissioner McLellan took occasion to compliment the policemen on their alertness and vigilance in discovering the fire and sending in the alarms.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of P. A. Estey was held from 100 Mecklenburg street yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. The large number present and the numerous floral offerings told of the esteem in which he was held. Service was conducted by the Rev. Mr. Jarvis and Rev. D. J. MacPherson. The members of the Temple of Honor, of which he had long been a prominent member attended in a body. Interment was in Fernhill.

The body of Mrs. Eliza B. McLaughlan was laid to rest yesterday afternoon. A very large number of her friends were present to pay their last tribute of respect to her memory, and the floral offerings were many and beautiful. Rev. W. H. Barracough conducted service at the house at 3 o'clock and interment was in Fernhill.

The funeral of Mrs. Emily M. Appleby took place Saturday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of her sister, Mrs. James Walker, 83 Duke street. The Rev. Dr. Morrison conducted services, and interment was made in Greenwood cemetery.

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