INDIANA CAPITAL HAS GREAT BLAZE

Fire at Indianapolis Destroys Property to the Value of $1,000,000.

SWEEPS WHOLESALE DISTRICT

Second Outburst of Flames in a Hotel While Department is Fighting the First Kdepa the Men Exceedingly Busy.

Indianapolis, Ind., dispatch: Fire which started Sunday night in the wholesale millinery house of Fahnley & McCrea destroyed eight buildings in the wholesale district, causing a loss estimated at $1,000,000.

One fireman was hurt by a falling wall, and many persons who were standing near had a narrow escape.

After the fire in the wholesale district was under control an alarm was turned in from the Grand hotel, two blocks from the scene of the blaze in the wholesale district. The firemen directed their attention to the hotel, and the flames soon were checked.

List of the Losses.

The wholesale district swept by the flames is bounded by Meridian street, Georgia street, Jackson place, and the Union station. The following are the principal losses as estimated by an insurance man:

Fahnley & McCrea, building, $125,000; loss on stock, $260,000; insurance, $290,000.

A. Keifer Drug company, building, $70,000; stock, $225,000 insurance, $245,000.

Griffith Bros., building, $50,000, stock, $150,000; insurance, $160,000.

E. C. Dolmetsch company, building, $50,000; stock, $40,000; insurance, $65,000.

Sherman house, building, $45,000; stock, $10,000; insurance, $35,000.

Savoy hotel, building, $20,000; stock, $10,000; insurance, $15,000.

St. Charles hotel, building, $12,000; stock, $10,000; insurance, $11,000.

Muir Millinery company, building $5,000; stock, $10,000 insurance, $13,000.

The fire in the wholesale district, which was one of the most spectacular in the history of the city, was under full headway before an alarm was sounded. The first intimation of a fire was received when a watchman saw the windows on the second and third floors of the east front of the Fahnley & McCrea building burst open, allowing sheets of flame to sweep into Meridian street.

A general alarm, followed by two others in rapid succession, was turned in, and by the time the first company reached the scene the millinery house was almost destroyed and the fire had spread to the Kiefer Drug company's building.

Then the flames swept into Jackson place, which bounds the Fahnley & McCrea building on the west, and almost instantly were communicated to the St. Nicholas hotel and the Griffith Bros.' millinery house in Jackson place, and the Savoy hotel in Louisiana street.

Explosions Scatter Embers.

Repeated explosions of oils and other inflammables in the A. Kiefer drug house sent skyward burning embers, which, fanned by a stiff breeze from the southeast, were carried into the retail district where they fell, still burning, upon the roofs of business houses.

Within forty-five minutes eight buildings had been destroyed, and the attention of the firemen was centered in an effort to prevent the spread of the flames to the warerooms of W. H. Thompson & Co., manufacturers of surgical instruments.

The flames which spread across Louisiana street communicated to the roof of the union station train sheds, and for some time the efforts of the firemen were centered in that direction.

For half an hour it was doubtful whether the firemen could cope with the flames on account of a tottering wall which threatened to crush in the buildings to the north, allowing the flames to spread to the warehouse of Haven & Geddes, wholesale grocers. When the wall collapsed the flames were brought under control.

CIGARETTE LEADS TO CRIME

Refusal to Give a Paper Pipe Brings on a Tragedy.

Streator, Ill., dispatch: Refusal to comply with a demand for a cigarette resulted in the murder of Walter C. Gibson of Streator, a boy of 20. Gibson, with John and Joseph Gurney, all said to have been intoxicated, attacked Hack Driver Dan Perry when the latter refused to give the trio cigarettes. In the fight Gibson was struck and his head hit the brick pavement. He died a few hours later. Perry and the two Gurney boys are in the city jail.

Church Changes Its Faith.

Boston, Mass., dispatch: The East Brookfield (Mass.) Congregational church, with a membership of 400, changed its faith by unanimous vote and united with the Episcopal diocese of western Massachusetts.

Car Works Are Destroyed.

Dayton, Ohio, special: Fire originating in the finishing shop of the Barney & Smith Car works destroyed that building, valuable lumber and six express refrigerator cars. The loss is estimated at $60,000.

SPIDERS THAT SHAM DEATH.

Peculiar Behavior Due to a Reflex Action Not to Design.

An investigation has been carried out by an Australian scientist on the phenomenon of the sham death of spiders. Certain of the spiders, when their web is jarred or torn, always pull their legs up under them and feign death. In this rigid condition they are readily overlooked and many times escape destruction on this account. A study of the behavior of these animals after the removal of certain portions of their nervous systems shows that the action is a reflex one. That is to say, the spider assumes the immobile conditions, not as the result of any intelligent action of an animal seeking to save itself, but as the result of the nature of its nervous system. The act is performed after the spider is decapitated.

It is probable, therefore, that this trick is not the result of intelligence, but is carried out because the animal is built that way and cannot help himself. This, of course, may have absolutely no bearing on the "playing possum" of the higher animals, their action may be due to intelligent volition.

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Quick Cure of Rheumatism by Dodd's Kidney Pills. How They Saved the Shop of a Kansas Blacksmith—Cure was Permanent too.

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James Riley, a veteran waiter of Sacramento, Cal., died the other day, leaving a bank account of several thousand dollars. It was Riley's boast that though he had been a hotel and restaurant waiter many years he never accepted a tip. He used to say that when his employer refused to give him enough money to keep him above "that sort of grafting" he would go into some other work than waiting on tables.

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