

SEARS DISASTROUSLY VISITED BY FIRE

Blaze at Bennett Glass & Paint Company's Premises This Morning.

Losses WILL REACH \$35,000

Three Floors and Roof Go In While Paints and Oils Explode.

Department Does Good Work—Hose Cut by Street Car—Citizens Volunteer to Fight Flames.

Another disastrous fire visited Salt Lake at 6:30 this morning and it is the first since the city has suffered in more than 12 months. The fire was at the Sears building, 67 West Second South street, occupied by the Bennett Glass and Paint company. With the exception of the ground floor and basement, the entire interior, while the stock on the ground floor and in the basement was soaked with oil and water, blackened and ruined by smoke and covered with debris. W. J. Bennett, president of the company, stated this morning that the loss would be between \$25,000 and \$35,000, half covered by insurance. The cause of the conflagration, in the opinion of fire department officials, is either defective wiring or spontaneous combustion, and started on the second floor, igniting oils, paints, turps, and rapidly spreading to the third floor and roof. Had it not been for the prompt and determined work of the firemen and policemen, Salt Lake's greatest fire would now be chronicled. Citizens who "jumped right in" and did not forget to "Chin" the cause of the fire, were W. H. Bywater, former chief of the fire department, who rendered valuable assistance and aided in extinguishing the fire.

DISCOVERED BY POLICE.

The fire was discovered at 6:30 by firemen Harris and Phillips who were standing on the corner of Second and West Temple streets. They saw smoke and they started to investigate. A moment they discovered smoke coming from the Bennett place of business and they quickly turned in an alarm from box No. 1. At the same time, however, a street car turned in an alarm from box No. 2 and the apparatus from headquarters was on the scene within a few minutes. By that time the fire had spread to the third floor and second floor and the firemen were working with the hose and the fire was under control.

DANGERS OF FIRE.

The firemen under the personal direction of Chief W. H. Glone and Assistant Chief Fitzgerald, and assisted by Patrolmen Beckstead, Cahoon, Eklund, Moore and Sorenson, and Lieutenants Murphy, Lorenson and Robbins, got down to work, ignored danger, and began a battle with the flames. The fire was under control until 8 o'clock, and then it flared up again and threatened to break through the roof. The firemen were working with the hose and the fire was under control.

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While the battle waged, Patrolmen Harris and Phillips ran through the fire and awakened 23 frightened sleepers. In a few seconds men and women fled in their night clothes, but when they reached the street they found the firemen were fighting the fire. The fire was under control until 8 o'clock, and then it flared up again and threatened to break through the roof. The firemen were working with the hose and the fire was under control.

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THEN THE SEA RUSHED IN

Prof. J. J. Stevenson of N. Y. University, Says as Disturbance of Earth's Crust Only a Small Affair.

New York, Jan. 1.—Opinions given here by two scientific men on the physical features of the terrible convulsion of nature in Calabria and Sicily are highly interesting. Dr. James F. Kemp, professor of geology at Columbia university, prefaced his opinion with the statement that it was mere conjecture on account of the meager information at hand, but he added:

"I cannot get away from the old theory that the earth was at one time a molten mass, the surface having cooled off sufficiently to form a crust. The earth is continually contracting, which causes the water to rise and the surface to cave in and it seems to me that this is what occurred in the case of the Italian earthquake. I should say that for about 50 miles parallel with the Straits of Messina the land under the sea and along the coast was only slightly shaken. That with great force in the land, sweeping all before it."

NARROW ESCAPES.

"That there was no serious accident is remarkable in view of the dangerous nature of the fire," said Capt. Ayland. "Three or four of the boys narrowly escaped going down with the fire. The water pressure was excellent and that was in our favor. One of the most disagreeable features was the cutting of the hose by the street car. It was a skin to skin race and it seems to me that this is what occurred in the case of the Italian earthquake. I should say that for about 50 miles parallel with the Straits of Messina the land under the sea and along the coast was only slightly shaken. That with great force in the land, sweeping all before it."

GLORIOUS PRIZES MEN.

Chief Glone worked side by side with his men, hauling hose, chopping through burning timber and was over the building directing the work. "Every man is deserving of great praise," said he. "They worked every second of the time and refused to quit until the fire was out. I cannot praise them too highly. In my opinion the fire was caused by either defective wiring or combustion and undoubtedly it started on the second floor. It was certainly a very serious fire and it was a skin to skin race and it seems to me that this is what occurred in the case of the Italian earthquake. I should say that for about 50 miles parallel with the Straits of Messina the land under the sea and along the coast was only slightly shaken. That with great force in the land, sweeping all before it."

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"This morning's fire again emphasizes the need of more men and more equipment," said he. "See how we were handicapped in the fire a few days ago. In that case there were two men trying to carry a line of hose to the top floor. I think it is a very serious fire and it was a skin to skin race and it seems to me that this is what occurred in the case of the Italian earthquake. I should say that for about 50 miles parallel with the Straits of Messina the land under the sea and along the coast was only slightly shaken. That with great force in the land, sweeping all before it."

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INSURANCE \$25,000.

Later in the day when the books and papers of the company were being packed up, it was found that the insurance carried on the building amounted to \$25,000 and on the stock \$5,000. The risks were carried by the following named companies through their local agencies: The Home Insurance company, Atlas Fire Insurance company, Pacific Fire Insurance company, New Hampshire Insurance company, Allendale Fire Insurance company, the State of Connecticut Fire Insurance company, the St. Paul Fire and Marine Insurance company, the Springfield Fire and Marine Insurance company, the Globe and Bulfinch Insurance company, the Commercial Union Assurance company, the American Fire Insurance company, and the Colonial Underwriters' company. W. J. Bennett, in speaking of the fire, said:

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Rome, Jan. 1.—The presence of the king and queen of Italy in the stricken district has done much to infuse energy into the different relief committees. Considering the means at the disposal of the rescue workers wonders are being done. The queen looks far from well. She is exhausted, and the terrible scenes she has witnessed have affected her strongly. She weeps frequently and on more than one occasion she has covered the hands of some unfortunate woman with her tears. The king desired the queen to return to Rome but she refused, saying she could not sleep from thinking of the misery of her subjects. By remaining on the spot she feels she can do something to relieve the general misery.

Trains leaving here for the south are filled almost entirely with newspapermen, relatives of victims, or volunteers on rescue committees. The committees are composed of every nationality of Europe. Some of the volunteers do not speak a word of Italian but they go forward simply because they have a number of homeless children. All volunteers are thankfully accepted, and there is need for thousands more.

Prof. Alfani, of the Florence observatory, predicts that the seismic activity will continue for three years to come. He recommends the enforcement of restrictive building laws in the earthquake zone of Italy. The personal accounts of survivors obtained today all go to confirm the first reports of the extent of the disaster, and they add to the gruesome record of suffering and pathetic inability to help the injured. One feature of the disaster at Reggio is the large number of homeless children. In some cases little babies were found creeping alone in the ruins and it seems impossible to restore them to their parents even if the parents are alive. A mother who went ashore at Reggio relates that during her work of rescue she was attracted by a sound of infant voices. Looking under a fallen beam he found twins about a year old in a basket. They were uninjured and their clothing was of the best. They have not yet been claimed.

At many places survivors recovered consciousness to find themselves far away from the scene of the disaster. Large numbers of survivors have become insane. They try to throw themselves overboard if they are at sea, or to hurl themselves out of car windows. One poor woman relates that in her family were her husband and eight children. She was awakened by a great rushing noise. She then lost consciousness and knew nothing further until she found herself on board a steamer far away from her home. The authorities could not permit her to return to seek her family.

A youth, himself wounded, carried his two little brothers from the wrecked home. When the parents were found they were lying by the side of the road, the young man dead, but the children uninjured. What has taken place at Reggio has been a repetition of the scenes at Messina, but the proportion of the population to perish at the former place is higher.

THIRTY THOUSAND REFUGEES IN NAPLES

Naples, Jan. 1.—Up to the present time 20,000 persons from the earthquake zone have arrived here. The hospitals are all filled and the churches, public halls and theaters are being fitted up to receive others. Many of the injured were taken by force to the hospitals, becoming frenzied with the idea of being compelled to enter the institution. Three tank steamers filled with drinking water have been sent to the stricken zone. A large number of the persons saved by the sailors of the Russian warship Makarov, deprived themselves of food and drink in order that the suffering of the more unfortunate might be alleviated.

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