

# PATERSON IS SWEEPED BY FIRE.

## The Property Loss is Ten Million Dollars.

### BUSINESS PORTION GONE.

Conflagration Started at Midnight—Five Hundred Homes Destroyed—Thieves and Looters at Work.

Pateron, N. J., Feb. 9.—A great fire swept through Pateron today, and in its desolate wake are the embers and ashes of property valued at \$10,000,000. It burned its way through the business section of the city, and claimed as its own a majority of the finer structures devoted to commercial, civic, educational and religious use, as well as scores of houses.

There was but a small tribute of life and injury to the conflagration, but hundreds were left homeless and thousands without employment.

A relief movement for the care of these unsheltered and unprovided for has already been organized, and Mayor John H. Hillebrand said tonight that Pateron would be able to care for her own without appealing to the charity of other communities and States.

The great manufacturing plants of the place are safe, and the community, temporarily stunned by the calamity, has commenced the work of reorganizing and restoration.

**STARTED AT MIDNIGHT.**

The fire came at last midnight, and was only checked after a desperate fight that lasted until late this afternoon. Every city and town within reach of Pateron sent firemen and apparatus to the aid of the city, and it took the united efforts of them all to win the battle.

A northern gale gave the conflagration its impetus and carried its burning brands to kindle the blaze afresh at other points. The firemen made stand before the wall of fire, but were repeatedly driven back, and when victory finally came to them they were exhausted. A partial list of the property destroyed follows:

**PUBLIC BUILDINGS.**

City hall, public library, old city hall, police station, No. 1 engine house, patrol station, high school, school No. 10.

**CHURCHES.**

First Baptist, Second Presbyterian, Park Avenue Baptist, St. Mark's Episcopal, St. Joseph's Roman Catholic.

**BANKS.**

First National, Second National (partially), Pateron National, Silk City Trust, Hamilton Trust, Pateron Trust.

**CLUBHOUSES.**

Y. M. C. A., Knights of Columbus, Pateron Club, St. Joseph's hall, Hamilton club.

**OFFICE BUILDINGS.**

Romaine building, Katz building, Marshall & Hall, Cohn building, Old City hall, Kinne building, Stevenson building.

**TELEGRAPH COMPANIES.**

Western Union, Postal Telegraph.

**THEATERS.**

The Garden.

**NEWSPAPERS.**

The Evening News, Sunday Chronicle.

**STORES.**

Quackenbush & Co., dry goods; Boston store, dry goods; National Clothing company; Globe store, dry goods; Kent's drug store; Muzzey's hardware and general merchandise; Messers, Hall & Bay, clothing; John Newwood, dry goods; O. Berg's grocery; Wortendyke's grocery; P. H. & W. H. Shields, grocers; "The Pateron" dry goods store; Jordan's piano store; Sauter & Co., piano; Feder & McNair, shoes; Sauter's confectionery; Tappan's tea store; Ragowski's millinery; Brothal & Mueller, shoes; C. E. Beach, automobile; Moorehead & Son, clothing; Patterson & Co., electric company; Skye's drug store; Mackintosh drug store.

**FIVE HUNDRED HOMES LOST.**

An estimate made from a general inspection of the smoldering ruins placed the number of dwellings and apartment houses destroyed at 500, and the number of families left without shelter at 500. A re-estimate after the confusion is about to be cleared up.

The fire began its work of destruction at the powerhouse of the Jersey City, Hoboken & Pateron Traction company, which fronted on Broadway and extended a block to the rear of the car shed and was burning fiercely when one of the employees detected it. It was leaping through the roof and the car shed was lifting it in forks and sending it into the air. The fire apparatus came into the roadway at Van Houten and Main street.

The firemen tried to hem the blaze in, but it skipped across Van Houten street in one direction and Main street in another, and gaining as it went, burned unchecked down into the business district. Every piece of fire mechanism in the city was called out, but the fire and the gale were masters.

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

A great cloud of flames rose high in the air lighting up the country for many miles and carrying a threat and warning to the people and property in its path. There were efforts to rescue furniture and stock, but the rescuees were few. The fire moved with the speed of a slave of presumed safety only to be eventually reached and destroyed. The warning to many was brief and they were forced to flee, scarcely clad, and with their heads bowed.

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

A great cloud of flames rose high in the air lighting up the country for many miles and carrying a threat and warning to the people and property in its path. There were efforts to rescue furniture and stock, but the rescuees were few. The fire moved with the speed of a slave of presumed safety only to be eventually reached and destroyed. The warning to many was brief and they were forced to flee, scarcely clad, and with their heads bowed.

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

A great cloud of flames rose high in the air lighting up the country for many miles and carrying a threat and warning to the people and property in its path. There were efforts to rescue furniture and stock, but the rescuees were few. The fire moved with the speed of a slave of presumed safety only to be eventually reached and destroyed. The warning to many was brief and they were forced to flee, scarcely clad, and with their heads bowed.

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

A great cloud of flames rose high in the air lighting up the country for many miles and carrying a threat and warning to the people and property in its path. There were efforts to rescue furniture and stock, but the rescuees were few. The fire moved with the speed of a slave of presumed safety only to be eventually reached and destroyed. The warning to many was brief and they were forced to flee, scarcely clad, and with their heads bowed.

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**

**BURNED EVERYTHING.**