

Map Shows Extent of Fire's Destruction In This City

ONE FOURTH OF AREA OF THE ENTIRE CITY WIPED OUT BY FIRE

Map On This Page Gives Some Idea of the Extent of the Great Fire Which Rendered More Than 3000 Homeless.

Here are the first pictures of the great disaster which visited New Bern last Friday and which caused the destruction of more than 1000 homes and other buildings and resulted in 3000 persons being homeless today.

Here are a few pertinent facts in connection with the fire:

The first conflagration broke out at 8 o'clock Friday morning when firemen were called to the Roper Lumber Company mill, which was burned with a resulting damage of \$250,000.

While this blaze was at its height another alarm was turned in from the extreme opposite end of the city. This alarm came at 9:30 o'clock. A house, belonging to Henry Bryan, colored, on Kilarmonic street, had caught afire as the result of a defective flue.

Still laboring zealously to confine the destruction at the Roper Mill to as small an area as possible, the firemen could not answer the second alarm until half an hour after it was turned in.

A high wind, sweeping to the Neuse river, fanned the flames in a vicious manner and caused the fire to spread rapidly through the thickly congested district. Within an hour after the fire started there were a score or more houses in flames. Defying all efforts to check it, the conflagration continued to increase its scope of destruction. Block after block was destroyed, while firemen, assisted by many volunteers, fought futilely to stay the holocaust.

Fire apparatus arrived from Kinston and Washington and firemen also came from Greenville. These helped materially. Many homes and stores were dynamited.

On this page will be found a map of the City of New Bern, showing in the shaded area the extent of the damage. The fire started at the extreme left of the shaded portion and continued on its way to the Neuse river. It includes an area of 40 blocks, all of which are not shown on the map. For a time the Union Station was threatened, but heroic efforts on the part of the firemen saved that structure. Sparks flew thick and fast and caused the destruction of warehouses, sheds and docks along the waterfront as shown on the map.

The photograph shown on this page is that of the Stewart Sanitarium, located on George street, a brick building of which nothing but the walls are now left standing.

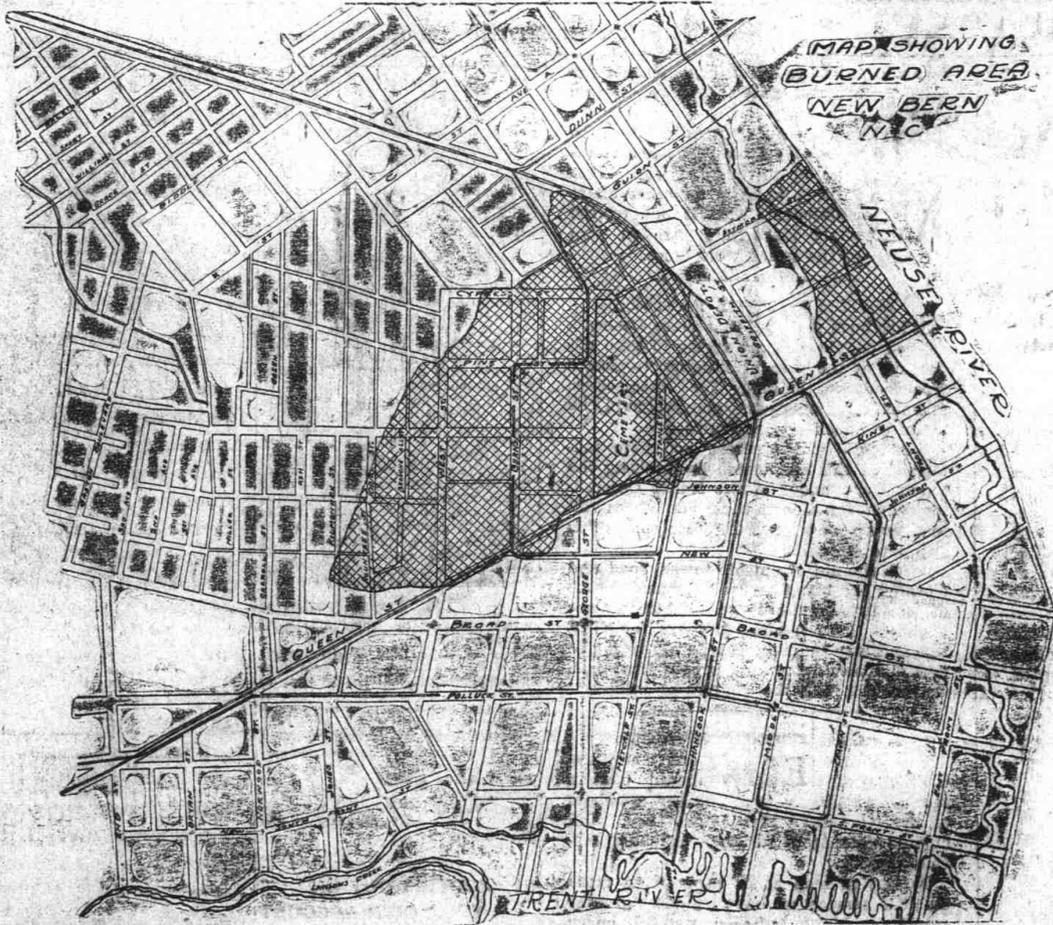
In the ashes of the fire there are houses that cost from eight to ten thousand dollars and houses that would be costly at five hundred. There are churches and stores and warehouses, a factory and a ship-building plant.

The fire came nearest the business section of New Bern when it was balked at the Union Station. The principal section of the town is in the lower right-hand section of the map.

There was one loss of life; that of an old negro woman, who was burned to death.

The fire was brought under control shortly before 6 o'clock Friday evening, although it continued to burn in many sections until almost midnight.

The total damage of the day's destruction will run in excess of two million dollars, it is stated. About one-third of this was covered by insurance.



Here is a photo of the Stewart Sanitarium on George street, of which nothing is now left except the walls. The fire reached its greatest degree of intensity in the section where the sanitarium stood.



Here is a picture which shows what happened to half a hundred or more homes that were in the path of the fire. This house was dynamited and, as can be seen, a good job was made of it. This same scene occurred in many part of the city where it was found imperative to resort to these tactics in order to check the flames.

GREATER FIRE IN THE HISTORY OF THIS STATE

Woman Escaped From Jail By Sawing Bars. Had Aid From Other Inmates

New Bern's fire is the greatest and the most devastating that ever has occurred in North Carolina. Immediately following the conflagration, when it was realized that more than 300 persons were homeless, Harry M. Jacobs called a mass meeting of citizens at the court house and explained the situation which confronted New Bern.

Within half an hour a relief fund of \$14,000 had been raised. Committees were appointed to take charge of various phases of relief work. The organization worked with smoothness and efficiency and everyone volunteered their services. The women were especially active. Saturday morning they had an emergency kitchen at the West Street graded school and served 6000 meals during the course of the day. Hundreds of packages were packed Friday night in warehouses, box cars and sheds. Many were taken care of in the graded school building.

Camp Bragg sent a trainload of cots, tents, blankets, mattresses and other supplies. The Coast Guard Station at Norfolk shipped blankets and mattresses. The Red Cross sent sweaters and socks. Other cities immediately began raising donations and these began arriving by train and in trucks.

Saturday night every one of the fire victims was housed temporarily and all were being fed regularly. Two meals a day have been served at the colored graded school since last Friday. Additional women and men have offered their services. The relief work is now in charge of Carter Taylor, chief of field work, Southern Division of the Red Cross. He is in command of all the departments and is doing a most efficient work.

The Salvation Army also has been rendering splendid service, as have the Woman's Club and other women's organizations of the city. No one has held back and all seem to realize the extreme gravity of the situation as it exists today.

guarded them as they left the company's offices, filled them with pistol-bullets and fled with a bag containing \$8770 in cash and checks calling for about \$5000.



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men. Much of the food was given to the Salvation Army without cost.

The medical officer and two assistants, who were expected to arrive here yesterday from Camp Bragg, had not shown up at 3 o'clock this afternoon. They probably will get in this evening.

St. Cyprians Church has been converted into an emergency hospital and first aid station. Dr. Latham is in charge, assisted by the ex-superintendent of St. Luke's Hospital.

Much clothing has been received, but among the lot are very few

overcoats. Citizens who have overcoats that are in good condition are urged to donate them to the relief committee for distribution, provided that they can spare them.

Mayor Clark asserts that some of the draymen of the city are making excessive charges for hauling wood and other things. He states that this will not be tolerated for a moment and urges all citizens to report to him where excessive charges are made.

Mayor Clark had a telegram today from M. S. Willard, secretary, announcing that a representative of the Carolina Insurance Company will be given as fast as adjustments are completed through their agent, Miss

Mary T. Oliver. The company has insured about forty buildings in the devastated area. They also enclose a check of \$50 for the relief fund.

A 200-gallon steam cooker has been installed at Kater's Bakery and is now being used for cooking cabbage, potatoes and doing other quantity cooking.

THREE BANDITS MADE ASSAULT ON CASHIER

(By Associated Press) WEST NEW YORK, N. J., Dec. 5.—Three bandits today attacked the cashier of the Public Service Gas Company and a policeman who