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Water, Smoke Ruin Stock, Equipment

Smoke and water damage to stock and equipment at the Cumberland Macaroni Manufacturing Company, Thomas Street, was estimated at "more than \$10,000" by the owners, after a two-alarm fire burned through flooring of the three-story brick building yesterday at 6:25 p. m.

Fire Chief Reid G. Hoenicka said actual fire damage was "very small" but explained that smoke and water may have caused considerable damage to the stock and equipment, much of which has been recently installed.

South End Called

South End Fire Company received the call after employes working at the mixing press in the rear of the second floor noticed smoke and flames burning through the ceiling from the third floor, firemen explained.

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The blaze is believed to have started in the packing room in the rear of the third floor where a four foot stack of unassembled cardboard boxes were stacked. Firemen said they believed the fire started in the boxes, but could give no reason for the origin.

David Nevy, one of four brothers who owns and operates the 30-year-old business said the last employe of the packing room left at 3:30 p. m. and he has no knowledge of anyone else being on the third floor after that time.

Much of the water, from the one hose that was brought into the building through a second story window, poured down on the mixing press and damaged a great deal of stock that was being dried on the first and second floors.

Smoke and dripping floors were left in the wake of the fire, which was confined to a small hole in the third floor and second floor ceiling, firemen said. The smoke, according to the Nevy Brothers seeped into the driers and ruined much of the stock.

Central Fire Company was called to the fire five minutes after South End arrived, but Chief Hoenicka said the difficulty of getting a hose to the flame rather than the intensity of the fire was the cause of the extra company being called.

Loss More Than \$10,000

David Nevy and his brothers, Ralph, Louis and Charles, all residents of the city, said that while they roughly estimated damage at over \$10,000 they would not be able to give an accurate figure until the stock and flooring has been thoroughly checked. The building and equipment are completely covered by insurance, they declared.

David Nevy said improvements in the building, part of which is newly erected, were just completed this week and contractors were sanding the wood work on the second floor yesterday. He pointed out that no smoking signs were erected throughout the building and said he did not believe the fire could have been started by a discarded cigaret.

Work of cleaning up the water and smoke soaked building was begun before the firemen had rolled up their hose, and the owners said they expected to resume production immediately.

Chief Hoenicka said a fire truck, in trying to get closer to the burning building, struck his car and dented the front fender and also ran over a wooden ladder that had been taken off another truck. He said damage to both the car and ladder were "small."



SMALL FIRE, BIG LOSS—Damage caused mostly by smoke and water to the Cumberland Macaroni Manufacturing Company, Thomas Street, was estimated at "more than \$10,000" by the owners last night after a fire was discovered in the packing room (above) at 6:25 p. m. yesterday. Fire Chief Reid C. Hoenicka, said the actual fire damage was "very small" but the owners said smoke and water probably ruined all stock in the building and water caused considerable damage to equipment. The blaze is believed to have started in a stack of unassembled boxes (right) and burned through the floor.