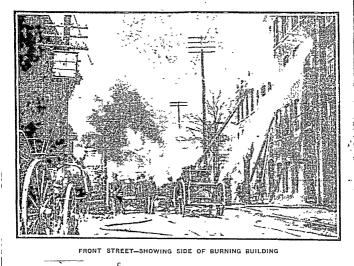
## FIREMEN OF TWO CITIES FOUGHT A HALF-MILLION-DOLLAR BLAZE



VICTOR TALKING MACHINE COM-PANY'S PLANT IN CAMDEN DESTROYED --- FOUR PHILA-DELPHIA FIRE COMPANIES AIDED ENTIRE LOCAL DE-PARTMENT WHICH WAS CALL-ED OUT

Market. Camden, causing a loss of more than \$500,000, threatened for an hour or more a esterday afternoon to create a general conflagation in the heart of the South Jersey metropolis. Philadelphia fire laddies went once more to the aid of a sister city in distress, and crossed the river to Camden, where they assisted in saving thousands of dollars' worth of property from being consumed

A fire which destroyed the large four-story building of the Victor Talking Ma-chine Company, at Front street, above

by the flames. by the flames.

The six fire engine companies of the Camden department had been endexporing for an hour-semblace inc flames, but we're working assinst odds. Taking time by the forciock, Mayor Joseph L. Nowrey and Dr. Frank Nell Robinson, tharman of the Fire Committee of the Camden Council.

trical Bureau in the Philadelphia City Hall for assistance. In the course of a very few minutes four companies were on their way to Mar-ket street ferry to cross the Delaware. Companies That Crossed River

after a discussion, telephoned to the Elec

The companies sent were No. 21, from Poplar and New Market streets; No. 23, from Seventh and Berks streets; No. 13, from Twenty-first and Market streets, and No. 48, from Seventh and Carpenter streets. The Philadelphia detachment of firemen were under the charge of District Engineer John Meskil. Dr. John Da Costa went with the men to render medical aid had any been necessary.

The fire tugs Stokley and Ashbridge also crossed to the Camden river front to pro-

tect the establishments and ships about the wharves Immediately after reaching the scene a complete change in the manner of fighting the flames was brought about. With the

same gallant and almost headlong display of nerve that won then countless shouts of applause at Baltimore the Quaker City lads fought the flames "from the front," as they aptly express.

With their customary endurance they kept up their dare-devil fight until the

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## MEN OF TWO CITIES FOUGHT BIG BLAZE



WHERE THE FIRE STARTED

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danger of the fire spreading and the posibility of a general conflagration was removed inside of half an hour after their arrival. Another half hour's fight and the flames were so well under control that they were able to leave for home. Camden Firemen Work Hard

den department had to cope with in years. The local fire-fighters, who are justly proud of their department, worked heroically and were praised by the Philadelphia firemen. The origin of the fire is as yet unknown, but the authorities are making an investi-The flames were discovered about gation. noon issuing from a stable in the rear of the carriage works of Joseph C. Collings, which adjoins the Victor Compan's es-tablishment on Front street. William Waltablishment on Front street. Whilam Wal-lace and George Early, employes of the machine shop of Lambert & Todd, which adjoined the stable, discovered the flames. Wallace rushed to give the alarm. Early at the same time went to the assistance of

and the table door, and the table door, and the table door, and the table door, and the table table to the table table table to the table scene the fiames had leaped, in explainable manner, to the building of the Victor Talking Machine Company, and minutes the third and second the huse plant were all ablaze. in a few floors of the huge plant were all ablaze. ime the entire building was floors of the muse plans were an advance. In a short time the entire building was assume, and the danger of a general conflagration was extremely imminent. The entire department of Camden struggled in an uphill fight against the spread of the

flames, but to no avail. It was only when it was seen that the aid of the Philadelit was seen that the aid of the Philadelplus firemen was necessary to prevent a
reval. Olse of property that Mayor Nowrey and Dr. Robinson decided to send for
add.

Extunctes on the loss sustained by the
company vary by the hundreds of thou-

sands, but \$500,000 is regarded by the Camden authorities as a conservative fig-ure. The officials of the concern have so ure. far not given any definite estimate. The chief loss is that of the thousands of talkcancer loss is that of the thousands of talk-ing machine and gutta percha records which were stored prior to shipping upon the fourth floor of the building. Assist-ant Superintendent Atkinson stated that there were 80,000 records clone destroyed fire. the While no figures could

It was one of the fiercest fires the Camobtained from him it is said that 50 per cent. of these records were reproductions of the now almost classic Bedelia and Hiawatha, while the rest were most part of the rag time variety. rest were for the most part of the rag time variety.

The building destroyed had a frontage
of more than 100 feet on Front street,
and had a depth of nearly 300 feet. Nothing was saved in the structure. The in-

and had a depth of nearly 300 feet. Noth-ing was saved in the structure. The in-surance on the building and stock amount-ed to about \$250,000, placed by Stokes & Pacher. This insurance was carried by seventy-eigns throughout the country. different

throws over 500 persons out of employ-ment. The company had enough orders on hand to keep this number of employes a horse that was tied to his stall in the stable. As he opened the stable door, fully employed until way into July. The plant had a capacity of 3500 talking machines a week, an o company at \$70,000. While hard at work outlay valued by the

work fighting the flames, Joseph James, of Engine Company No. 2, of Camden, was accidentally struck over the head by the nozzle of a hose handled by one of his colleagues. He received paintful Jacerations of the head and was

pantial lacerations of the head and was taken to the Cooper Hospital. Edward Shlerth, a young Camdenite, was passing along North Second street, above Cooper, when he discovered a young gril Jijing on the step of one of the houses in an almost unconscious condition. He hastly carred her away from the smoke, which had overcome her, and she quickly with the control of the cooper o