

ANOTHER BLAZE AT THE DANIELS

**Fifth Fire Within a Few Months
Occurs in New Play-
house.**

**WORK OF INCENDIARY,
CHIEF GLORE'S BELIEF**

**Insurance to Be Canceled and
Watchman Placed at
Building.**

For the fifth time since October 24, 1910, the Daniels theater building suffered loss by fire yesterday morning. Of these five fires three undoubtedly were of incendiary origin. The cause of one was never reported and that of the other was reported to be "carelessness with matches." The fire yesterday morning is said to have done about \$600 worth of damage, of which \$400 was to the building and \$200 to the contents of the rooming house above the theater.

Evidences of incendiarism were found in the fires of March 31 and June 27, but not so damaging as those found after the fire yesterday. At the time of the fire of June 27 the plastering was torn off by the members of the fire department, and after the fire yesterday the space between the lathes and the floor above was found to be stuffed with papers that had been soaked in coal oil.

At the fire on June 27 Chief Glore stated that it had been fed with turpentine, which he could distinguish by the smoke. He said that there were some cans in the basement at the time of the fire, but afterward when they returned to make an investigation the cans had disappeared.

Investigation Ordered.

Anticipating such work on the part of those who had started the fire, the chief ordered the investigation started yesterday before the fire was fairly out. The investigation, which was made by Chief Glore, F. M. Woodward, demonstrator of the new automobile engine, and Inspector Frank M. Anderson, revealed the paper in the roof of the theater and a bottle of coal oil and another of turpentine in the basement. The papers used were Sunday papers and some old wrapping paper which had evidently come from the basement of the building.

The fire was discovered at 4:06 o'clock yesterday morning and the department from headquarters responded promptly, although only two hose lines and the chemical engine were employed to put out the fire. The quick work of the firemen saved the building and its contents and also disclosed the origin of the fire, as it was out before all of the oil-soaked papers were burned.

Milton Steinfeld, manager of the Daniels theater, and A. Daniels, manager of the Daniels clothing store, were taken to police headquarters, where they were closely questioned by Chief of Police S. M. Barlow and Captain of Detectives Riley M. Beckstead. They were not arrested, but Chief Barlow says that the investigation is not over and that he is determined to find out who started this and other fires in the Daniels building.

Insurance Canceled.

Chief Glore is authority for the statement that Mrs. Nellie Campbell has given up the lease of the rooming house above the theater and will vacate immediately. The adjustors of the Pacific board of underwriters here have wired their headquarters to have the insurance on the rooming house canceled and in the meantime have asked Chief Glore to place two watchmen at the building, who will be paid by the underwriters.

Max Daniels, owner of the building, is away from the city, being last heard from at Billings, Mont. He was notified of the fire and asked for particulars, which will be sent to him by night letter tonight. He has been out of the city for some time and is thought to have been looking for a location. He is expected to return this evening.

A. T. Sanford, attorney for Max Daniels, said last night:

"The Daniels theater building was erected by the owner, Max Daniels, in the year 1909 and cost close to \$60,000 and is insured for from \$15,000 to \$20,000.

"Mr. Daniels occupies the storerooms and carries a stock of goods which a recent invoice shows, including fixtures, exceed \$35,000 in value and is insured for \$10,000.

"Nellie Campbell rents the rooming house at a rental of \$420 a month. W. S. and H. R. Rand rent the theater and Mr. Daniels receives \$500 a month from the theater.

"The rooming house and the theater leases provide that in the event of fire the tenants will not pay rent during the time that the premises are untenable.

"The building is mortgaged for \$40,000 and the ground on which it stands is worth about \$50,000.

"Mr. Daniels has been taking a trip through the northwest and will return today."