

# NEWARK'S BIG FIRE LOSS

## W. V. Snyder's Damages Now Estimated at \$400,000.

### The Long Roll of Individual Losses of Other Merchants—Injured Still in Serious Condition.

NEWARK, N. J., Feb. 28.—All that remained to-day of the handsome business block on Broad Street, between Cedar and West Park Streets, and the business buildings and residences on both sides of Cedar from Broad nearly to Halsey Street, was a smoking mass of ruins. An odd wall stood here and there, swaying to and fro until pulled down by the firemen. Streams were still being poured into the ruins this evening.

To the south of the smoldering mass stood the mammoth Bee Hive, one of the largest department stores in the city. The flames had spread into the rear of this building several times, but they were held in check and thus the great establishment was saved from total destruction.

By far the heaviest loser is W. V. Snyder, in whose place the fire started. He had just got in his Spring stock, and this week had an additional \$40,000 in insurance placed on it. He has been in business here over forty years, and it is the first fire he has ever had. The total loss to Mr. Snyder is fixed at about \$400,000.

While the loss to himself is thus enormous, Mr. Snyder appears to feel more for his 300 employes, who are thrown out of work. They will have to do the best they can until he rebuilds. Plans are already in preparation.

While no definite figures can be obtained as to the other losses and insurance, the following list is believed to be approximately correct:

Nos. 685 and 687 Broad Street, owner, Julius Barthman; occupant, David Straus. Loss, building, \$8,000; contents, \$18,000. Fully insured.

No. 689 Broad Street, owner, Hedenberg estate; occupant, C. B. Peddie & Co. Loss, building, \$1,000; contents, \$500. Fully insured.

No. 691 Broad Street, owner, Hedenberg estate; occupant, Thomas B. Allen. Loss, building, \$5,000; contents, \$10,000. Partially insured.

No. 693 Broad Street, owner, Charles G. Campbell; occupant, Joseph Bernstein. Loss, building, \$7,000; contents, \$15,000. Building fully insured, contents partially.

No. 695 Broad Street, owner, Charles G. Campbell; occupant, J. M. Metz. Loss, building, \$7,000; contents, \$15,000. Building fully insured, contents partially.

No. 707 Broad Street, owner, Corey estate; occupant, W. T. Rae & Co. Loss, building, \$300; contents, \$300. Fully insured.

No. 709 Broad Street, owner, Corey estate; occupant, P. J. Corrigan. Loss, building, \$1,000; contents, \$4,000. Fully insured.

No. 707 and 709 Broad Street, rear; owner, Corey estate; occupant, L. S. Plaut & Co. Loss, building, \$1,000. Fully insured.

No. 10 Cedar Street, owner, Charles Bierman; occupant same. Loss, building, \$15,000. Building fully insured, contents partially.

Nos. 12 and 14 Cedar Street, owner, L. S. Plaut & Co.; occupant same. Loss, buildings, \$10,000; contents, \$40,000. Fully insured.

No. 16 Cedar Street, owner, S. G. Crowell; occupant same. Loss on building, \$500. Fully insured.

No. 19 Cedar Street, owner, Thomas B. Allen; occupants, C. W. Boughton and Dr. Seymour Boughton. Loss, building, \$1,500; contents, \$1,500. Fully insured.

No. 17 West Park Street, owner, Emanuel Schloss; occupants, Dr. C. S. Stockton, Ward Ferguson, William Denbigh, Miss Clara W. Greene, Charles W. Willis, Charles H. Brett, Dr. John P. Donlevy, E. T. Parmer, M. H. Chase, and Mrs. J. H. Forse. Loss, building, \$18,000; contents, \$40,000. Building fully insured, contents partially.

Arthur Labieux, sixteen years old, of 55 Summit Street, was severely injured about the body by the falling of the north wall of the ruins of the Snyder building to-day.

Of those who were injured during the fire it is believed that none will die, although Superintendent Oscar O. Shocketon and Firemen Braun and Harrison are still in a serious condition.

### NEWARK INSURANCE LOSSES.

#### Aggregate Liability of Underwriters in Tuesday's Big Fire, \$600,000.

Nearly all of the local fire insurance companies were interested in the Newark loss on Tuesday night, a rough estimate of which yesterday placed the total damage at about \$600,000. The loss was felt more acutely by the companies because the Newark agents had been fighting for some months over rates, with the result that during the last six months of 1899 the premium receipts on Newark business amounted to \$34,000 less than the income for the corresponding period of 1898.

The insurance on the department store of W. V. Snyder & Co., at 701 to 705 Broad Street, on which the loss is reported as total, amounted to \$330,500, which was divided as follows: On building, \$85,000; on stock, \$314,500.

The building insurance was distributed as follows: Germania, \$10,000; Continental, \$10,000; Niagara, \$10,000; Firemen's of Newark, \$10,000; German-American, \$10,000; Newark, \$5,000; American of Newark, \$5,000; Citizens' of New York, \$5,000; Erie of Pennsylvania, \$5,000; Franklin, \$5,000; New York Underwriters, \$2,500; Merchants' of Newark, \$2,500; New Hampshire, \$2,500, and Reading, \$2,500.

The insurance on stock was distributed as follows: Liverpool and London and Globe, \$18,500; Royal, \$15,000; Union of London, \$15,000; Commercial Union, \$15,000; Prussian National, \$10,000; Concordia, \$10,000; North British and Mercantile, \$10,000; Phoenix of London, \$10,000; Northern of London, \$10,000; Home, \$10,000; Germania, \$10,000; Scottish Union and National, \$10,000; Hartford, \$9,000; Sun, \$7,500; Atlas, \$5,000; New York Underwriters', \$5,000; Queen, \$5,000; Norwich Union, \$5,000; Transatlantic, \$5,000; Newark, \$5,000; American of Newark, \$5,000; Aachen and Munich, \$5,000; Merchants', \$5,000; Palatine, \$5,000; Baloise, \$5,000; Law, Union and Crown, \$5,000; Svea, \$5,000; National, \$5,000; Lancashire, \$5,000; German of Freeport, \$5,000; Williamsburg City, \$3,500; Norwalk, \$3,500; Imperial, \$2,500; Reading, \$2,500; New Hampshire, \$2,500; Orient, \$2,500; Farmers' of York, \$2,500; Merchants' of Providence, \$2,500; St. Paul, \$2,500; United Fire, \$2,500; Caledonian, \$2,500; Caledonian American, \$2,500; Home of California, \$2,500; Magdeburg, \$2,500; American of New York, \$2,500; Mechanics and Traders', \$2,500; Girard, \$2,500; State of Liverpool, \$2,500; Agricultural, \$2,500; Hanover, \$2,500; Equitable of Providence, \$2,500; Phoenix of Hartford, \$2,500; Hamburg-Bremen, \$2,500; Westchester, \$2,500; Western, \$2,500; British America, \$2,500; London and Lancashire, \$2,500; Firemen's, \$2,500; Indemnity, \$2,500, and Manchester, \$2,500.

New York underwriters yesterday declared that this fire will probably lead to an immediate settlement of the differences in the Newark rating compact, so as to effect a restoration of the fixed tariff of fire insurance rates which was suspended early last Summer.