

Diamond Drill

Out of the Past

March 19, 1926

FIRE DOES MUCH DAMAGE!!! Two fires within two days caused \$200,000 damage to six business buildings on the main street of Crystal Falls. The first fire occurred on Sunday afternoon March 13th. The majority of the buildings on the North side of the 300 block of Superior Avenue were completely destroyed by fire. Businesses destroyed were the L.A. Henry furniture & Undertaking (308 Superior), Paul Schook soft drink Saloon (312 Superior), Vacant Livery Barn (316 Superior), Jacobs Jewelry (320 Superior) and the upper floor lodges of the Odd Fellows, Rebekahs, Lady Maccabees, Women's Benefit Association, Women's Relief Corps, Order of Vassa and the Italian Benefit Association. The fire was only contained by the masonry structures of the Crystal Falls National Bank (300 Superior) on the east and the Wehse Building/City Drug Store (324 Superior) on the west. The second fire occurred on Monday night March 15th which destroyed John Stolberg's three buildings located at the Southeast corner Superior Avenue & South Third Street. Businesses destroyed were Stolberg Tailor Shop & Richard's Apparel Shop (237 Superior) and Mroz Jewelry (233 Superior). The fire was only contained by the concrete block structure of the Diamond Drill Building (229 Superior).

