

Philip Wunderle's Candy Factory Reduced to Ruins.

During the progress of a blinding snowstorm a disastrous fire broke out in the big four-story brick candy factory of Philip Wunderle, 118 to 134 Pegg street, at half-past 10 o'clock last night. Before it had spent its force the entire interior-machinery and stock- was reduced to ruin. The loss will amount to less than \$100,000.

Two girls going down Pegg street to their homes saw flames burst forth on the third story of the building. They called to the watchman, E. Weiss, who was firing the boilers in the cellar. He rushed to the third floor and found the chimney piece aflame. Running downstairs and from the building, he gave the alarm. Policeman Reis, of the Seventh district, sent in the fire call.

When the engines arrived the building was a seething furnace. From every window and door the fire shot forth in great flames. Clouds of smoke- blinding and foul smelling- were driven by the wind into the street and made it difficult for the firemen to gain any headway. A second and third alarm was sent in rapid succession. With the engines that responded the fire was under control about midnight.

The building was filled with valuable machinery and about \$15,000 worth of stock. About 100 men and girls were employed.
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