



DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.

UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,

CARLISLE, PA.

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May 28, 1912.

Report on fire.

To the Honorable

Commissioner of Indian Affairs,

Washington, D. C.

Sir:

I have the honor to state that no property was  
destroyed that is carried on my property return.

Very respectfully,

*M. Friedman*  
Superintendent.

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Mr. Moses Friedman,

Supt., Carlisle School, Pennsylvania.

Sir:

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Respectfully,

(Signed) C. F. Hauke.

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To the Honorable,  
Commissioner of Indian Affairs,  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Under date of May 9, 1912, I sent the Office the following telegram:

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"Fire broke out in school building in closet underneath auditorium early this morning, and was discovered by Indian night watchman at 4:35. Alarm promptly given and school fire department dressed and responded at once and had water on four minutes after first alarm. Fire had gotten good start and large blaze was bursting from windows when discovered. Brought under control in about twenty minutes and extinguished by 5:30 this morning. The borough fire department willingly responded to my call, but fire was under control when they arrived, and it was not needed. Investigation indicates spontaneous combustion as cause. Damage about \$250, mainly to the building. Will be repaired promptly by industrial departments. Detailed report follows."

I have to report further as follows: During his regular rounds, the night watchman saw smoke issuing from a window in one of the rooms next to the Principal Teacher's office in the school building. He immediately ran over to Large Boys' Quarters, aroused the disciplinarian, had the alarm sounded, and called the Chief of the fire department, Mr. Harry F. Weber, who is employed as engineer of the school. The boys dressed with great rapidity and were on their way with the fire apparatus, without any loss of time, to the school building, where the fire was reported. They had water on the flames in four minutes.



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It was found that the flames emanated from a closet underneath the auditorium and opening into the Principal Teacher's office. The fire had a good start, and had it not been discovered at the time it was, or had there been any delay in the fire department becoming actively engaged in putting it out, there would have been very little chance of saving the building, which is the largest, and undoubtedly the most expensive, on the grounds. The fire was under control in about twenty minutes, and was entirely extinguished by 5:30. As a precaution, I sent in a call for the borough fire department of Carlisle, and the engine and hose department responded with great willingness and promptness. They were not needed, however. The students comported themselves most admirably, and there was a quiet effectiveness about their work which indicated that they understood the seriousness of the situation and the importance of putting out the fire.

The roll call was called in the Girl's building, and the girls were held until recalled after the fire was out.

The old Uncle Sam pump, which is about a hundred years old, and which is used to increase the pressure in the mains, did its work most admirably, manned as it was by relays of boys, sixteen on each side.

I estimate that the total loss is about \$250.00, which was mostly confined to the building. The stairs were injured, the window and door frames and door burned out, and the floor was burned through into the basement. Quite an area of plastering

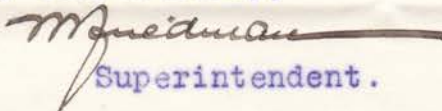
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will have to be done. A large number of stereopticon slides, which we have on hand for giving illustrated geographic lectures, were damaged to some extent. Some of them will have to be re-touched, and all of them to some extent repaired.

As near as I can find out from a careful examination, the fire was due to spontaneous combustion of some rags saturated with oil, which had been used to oil the floors and which the janitor had neglected to burn. I have issued several orders, copies of which I send you herewith, to all the employees on the grounds, to obviate a repetition of this fire.

Repairs are already well under way to put the building in its proper condition without delay. The fire did not interfere in any way with the regular continuity of the work of instruction and training.

Very respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR.  
UNITED STATES INDIAN SCHOOL,  
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May 9th, 1912.

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TO ALL EMPLOYEES:

Verbal instructions have been issued from time to time that no rags saturated with oil should be kept in any building and that as soon as such rags are used for oiling floors they are to be burned. I feel confident, as a result of the fire this morning, that these instructions have not been carefully complied with.

You will see to it that hereafter no rags or oil are kept from day to day in any room, department or building over which you have jurisdiction and that whenever rags are used for oiling floors they are burned immediately under your personal supervision.

You will be held personally responsible for strict compliance with these instructions.

*M. Friedman*

Superintendent.



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May 9th, 1912.

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CIRCULAR:

Every employee in charge of a building, a department, or any part of a building will make decided efforts at once to clear such part of the school property of any debris or inflammable material. A most careful and thorough cleaning up should be made and so that I can make a personal inspection in the very near future with such special matter in view. This cleaning up should be from cellar to garret and include all closets and out of the way places.

*M. Friedman*  
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Superintendent.



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Friedman,

Supt.

9:50AM

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