Salem Fire, June 25, 1914

Fact sheet

Area of city	5,100 acres
Population of city	48,000 (1905, 37,627; 1910, 43,697; 1915, 37,200)
Buildings in city	5,826
Assessed valuation	$37, 250,000
Burned	253 acres 1,376 buildings 1 ½ miles long by ½ mile wide Loss: $15,000,000 Insurance paid: $11,744,000 Homeless: 18,000-almost 20,000 Jobless: about 10,000
Casualties	Three dead Two missing Others died from excitement or strain in being moved More than 60 injured
First alarm	1:37 p.m.
General alarm	1:41 p.m.
Dynamited	Five houses on North Pine Street Two houses on Essex Street Hawthorne Building at 203-211 Washington Street bet. New Derby and Dodge First three houses on Roslyn Street
Spectators	1,000,000 on June 25
Aid	Firefighters from 21 cities and towns Hingham firefighters soaked rugs and clothing in salt water, and lay them on roofs and sides of houses 1,700 militia, until July 7 at 8:00 p.m. Semi-martial law Order to shoot all looters on sight

Length	15 hours Pickering's coal pile and Ropes's hay still burning, July 13
Relief	Fund established by Salem Evening News early Friday, June 26
Tent cities	Bertram Field, June 26, 200 tents, 3 cots in each Bertram Field, June 27, 950 people Forest River Park, June 26, 100 tents Camp Sherry, near the Willows, 150 refugees Forest River Park, June 28, 1,200 refugees Forest River Park, June 29, 400+ tents, 1,500+ people July 10, Camp Sherry closed, two families left at Bertram Camp Forest River Park, July 24, 418 still in camp
Proposals	Three-deckers prohibited in Lafayette Street No stores or shops on Lafayette Street from Harbor Street up Park bounded by Harbor, Lafayette, and Washington Streets No wooden structures of any sort to be built within burned district, July 16; later reconsidered
Recovery	By February 23, 1915 building permits had been issued for 353 buildings in the burned district, valued at $2,446,695 Dwellings nearly all one- and two-family detached houses Manufacturing and retail structures have some of the best fire-proof construction New building code adopted Many streets widened and straightened 300 shade trees set out Fall 1914, 500 more ready for Spring1915
Chelsea April 12, 1908	492 acres 2,822 buildings 1 ½ miles long by ½ mile wide Taxable loss: $12,450,000 Eighteen dead More than 300 injured