

The Gasoline Exploded

Jamestown, N. D., Jan. 8. — Fire, which started in the basement of the Herman Nurnberg store at Fifth avenue and Main street, threatened for a time to burn the entire Doolittle^s block, and caused a scurrying around and gathering together of law books, medical paraphernalia, and other possessions of professional men who occupy the second floor of the building.

The fire was caused by the explosion of a gas tank, which was being used by workmen in the building to thaw out some steam pipes, which were frozen. Ray Clough was at work in the basement using the tank, has a blower attachment, when the tank exploded, throwing flames in every direction and enveloping Clough in flames.

In an instant his clothing was ablaze, and running up stairs and into the street, passersby helped roll him in the snow until the flames were put out. His face and hands were painfully but not seriously burned.

Before the arrival of the fire department, good use was made of a chemical, through one of the windows of the basement, and it took only a short time after the hose got into action to extinguish the flames which at first threatened to do great damage.