

TREMENDOUS FIRE AT APALACHICOLA—2,450 BALES OF COTTON BURNED.—The following particulars are hastily prepared, and give but an imperfect idea of the sense of painful surprise and apprehension which filled every mind, when about 2½ o'clock on Thursday, the 23d inst., the alarm cry was heard, "The Union Warehouse is on fire." This warehouse, the largest in town, and near the centre of the business portion, was quadrangular in form, around an open court, and externally safe. It contained at the time about 2,000 bales of cotton, all of which is lost. There were about 300 bales outside the warehouse, ready for shipment, most of which was lost.

Well directed and intense efforts saved the Hydraulic press and warehouse, though only divided by a street, and the wind blowing directly upon it. The Post-office, *Advertiser* office, and other buildings on Centre-street, being of wood, were soon in flames—the heat extended across Centre-street and ignited the old Hospital, when all of that block and the block below, lying between Commerce and Market streets, were burnt over, rendering houseless about fifty families.

Meanwhile the intense heat had set fire to the Mitchel Row, North of the Union, and this with the intervening buildings were destroyed—most of the goods of the stores having been removed.

There were several hundred bales of cotton on the wharves, just landed, which being showered with burning cinders were often on fire; but with persevering care all of this was saved more or less damaged.

The ice-house was in line with the fire, and destroyed, leaving its contents a pyramid of ice in the midst of the scene of desolation.

The P. D. warehouse was in great danger for an hour—the tin melted from its doors—but by desperate and heroic exertion and fortitude in the face of almost unendurable heat, it was saved with its valuable contents, worth \$150,000.

A negro boy, about 12 years of age, belonging to Mr. Thomas Orman, while in the act of assisting at the fire, was buried beneath the wall.

We cannot make room for the many other particulars, and especially of individual or combined service, which ought to be mentioned—but add a condensed statement of the loss so far as ascertained, and the amounts insured:

Cotton lost, 2,450 bales—value.....	\$100,000
Union warehouse and other stores.....	21,500
Dwellings and shops.....	15,500
Other property.....	3,000
Total loss.....	\$200,000
Total insurance.....	166,000

We learn of but 100 bales Cotton in all that were not insured, divided among several owners.—*Apalachicola Advertiser, 23d ult.*

APALACHICOLA, Fla., Oct. 27, via Chattahoochee, Fla.—Yesterday forenoon fire was communicated to the Kennedy Mill from the slab pit. In a few moments all was a sheet of flame. While the Kennedy Mill was roaring and crackling, the old icehouse, four blocks away, caught fire, then the Kimball Warehouses, the wharf, the lumber in the mill yard, and finally the Kimball Mill. The triangular building opposite the icehouse then caught fire, then Grady & Co.'s store, Munroe & Co.'s office, the iron works, the Kimball Planing Mill, and McGlynn's furniture factory. The Kennedy Mill was worth about \$30,000. There were 850,000 feet of lumber in the yard; insurance about \$13,000. Icehouse loss, \$10,000; no insurance. Connelly & Co. lose \$500; Grady & Co. lose \$16,000; partly covered by insurance. McGlynn lost about \$1,500. The iron works \$8,000; insured for \$4,000. The Kimball Lumber Company lost 4,000,000 feet of lumber in addition to the mills, warehouses, and ways. The total loss of this company will approximate \$85,000; partly covered by insurance. Rusk & Martin, druggists, loss about \$500; fully covered by insurance. The other losses will foot up \$12,000.