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Thursday

St. Ignace - At 11 o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was sounded by one of the yard engines and in a few moments it became generally known that the South Shore round house in the Third Ward was on fire. The fire originated in a small building (pump house) occupied by the tank engine, soon spread to the round house and in a remarkably short time that large building was a mass of flames. There were four locomotives in the building at the time - two of them new moguls received only a few weeks ago and two others comparatively new engines. One of the switch engines ran into the house and coupled onto one of the old engines and pulled it out, but in crossing the rickety turn table it left the track and in such a way as to prevent the switch engine from returning to the house and rescuing the other three and they were totally destroyed. The cab on the engine that was pulled out took fire and burned off as well as the rest of the woodwork. The loss cannot be given definitely, but it must be nearly or quite \$100,000. (Loss was \$30,000).

The firemen has not sufficient hose to reach the house and what they did have appeared to be worthless. Of course the house will be at once replaced and a brick one of much larger capacity. We have only room for this meager report of the fire today.

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