

## Carl Crow, Inc., Offices Damaged: In Fire Outbreak

What might have been a serious fire had not an alarm been turned in within a few minutes of its commencement, broke out at 5.30 o'clock yesterday evening in the offices of Carl Crow, Inc., 6B Kiangse Road, as the result of lighted coals falling from the open grate on to the wooden floor which became ignited and set up columns of dense smoke which attracted a passer-by, who turned in the alarm to the Central Fire Division.

The latter turned out in almost full force, with two escape wagons and three hose reels, but all that was required to extinguish the blaze was a small squad of firemen with canvas buckets, hatches and searchlights. No hose lines were laid on at all.

Considerable difficulty was experienced with the fire, despite its smallness, for it was found to have spread under the flooring, smouldering dangerously. As a result the floor boards had to be chopped open to get at the seat of the fire and a hand pump with miniature hose attached applied to the spot, with successful results. Meantime work was started from the ground floor office through the ceiling, resulting in a large hole being cut right through the floor. Apart from this, and a blackened wall no damage was done.