

# Crawford Loss Laid to Water

## Spray Booth Fire Starts Sprinklers

Officials of the Crawford Furniture Manufacturing Corporation today said that water damage resulting from a fire in a third-floor spray booth at the plant about 6 P. M. Thursday will run into "several thousands of dollars," although no official estimate has yet been made.

This morning, employes in the four-story Allen Street Extension plant were busy cleaning up the water which poured out of eight sprinkler heads near the booth and cascaded down through to the first and second floors.

Actual fire damage was confined to a section in the plant's southwest corner around the spray booth and to a section of roof near a stack. However, there was considerable water damage to machinery and furniture made at the plant, despite the fact that firemen used all available tarpaulins to cover the machinery and stock.

The fire, which brought all Jamestown fire companies to the scene, possibly was caused by spontaneous combustion of lacquer residue in the booth. Similar fires have been caused by that condition at the plant in recent years.

The alarm was turned in at Company 4 Fire Station, located only a short distance from the furniture plant. Firemen used a two and one-half inch line to extinguish the blaze on the roof and were at the scene for more than an hour in salvage work. Company employes also were called in during the evening to salvage stock.