

Streets—all at widely separated points at the very edge of the fire.

The monument in Hemming Park, although centered in the hottest part of the fire, went through it all unscathed. About its base had been placed pile upon pile of household goods, and when these burned, fury and heat were added to that of the surrounding burning blocks; but only the cement at the base of the monument showed a reddened glow. The bronze soldier at the top stood firm amidst the withering torrent of fire about him.

The fire crossed Adams Street at only one point west of Laura Street—between Cedar and Julia, where a small building and some lumber were burned. It crossed Hogans Creek at one point, immediately east of Main Street, and burned Hammatt's wood yard. The west half of Duval Street wooden viaduct over Hogans Creek, East Jacksonville, was burned.

When the wind changed and blew from the north for a short time, the swirl of heat carried over the river caused a perfect waterspout to form and travel along the water front. No damage resulted from it, though several boats narrowly escaped destruction. Some of the excited citizens shot rifles at the waterspout in an attempt to break it up. Perhaps this is the only instance of record of such a phenomenon developing from artificial heat.

From a careful compilation, 9,501 people were directly involved in the fire, in business or otherwise; 8,677 resided in the burned district and were rendered temporarily homeless. It was estimated that 15,000 were present in the burned area; that only 7 lives were lost was remarkable. Lives lost: White, Henry D. Bounetheau, Mrs. Waddy Thompson, William Clark, Mrs. Solon Robinson, and Mrs. Grace Bradley; colored, March Haynes and an unknown.

The city and the county jails were burned, but the prisoners were taken to a place of safety in advance of the fire. As a precautionary measure martial law was declared on May 4. Besides the three local companies, troops from Starke, Tallahassee, Gainesville, Palatka, Live Oak, St. Augustine, Lake City, Orlando, and Jasper, and for a time detachments from the U. S. revenue cutters "Forward" and "Hamilton" were on duty in the city. The troops remained on duty three weeks, and a provisional company, formed from the three local companies, until July 13.