

- 0. CIVIL RESTRICTIONS Story Preface
- 1. FIRE!
- 2. 19TH CENTURY FIREFIGHTING
- 3. WAS IT REALLY THE COW?
- 4. FIRE IN PESHTIGO: A COINCIDENCE?
- 5. DEATH IN PESHTIGO
- 6. PESHTIGO SURVIVORS
- 7. CHICAGO IN 1871
- 8. CAUSE AND ORIGIN
- 9. CHICAGO BURNS

10. A DEVASTATED CITY

11. SHOCKED CITIZENS

12. CIVIL RESTRICTIONS

13. HOLLAND BURNS

To protect Chicago's citizens from being overcharged for their daily needs—such as the price of bread—the mayor (R.B. Mason) issued this broadside outlining a new city Ordinance which took effect on October 10, 1871. Click on the image for a better view. Image online via Chicago Historical Society.

The Mayor and city officials passed ordinances to protect citizens against against price gouging. Drastic measures were also taken to limit general civil unrest and looting.

Instituting a ban against smoking, the Mayor prepared a <u>handwritten note banning all pipes and cigars</u> until water service was restored. And ... he meant it.

Soldiers <u>guarded the city</u> in an effort to maintain security. Such measures had the backing of <u>Chicago's</u> <u>shattered citizens</u>. The Mayor also ordered that all saloons close by 8 p.m. Whenever his directives were violated, soldiers closed down the offending establishments.

<u>Cities</u> around <u>America</u> (and <u>elsewhere</u> - such as <u>London</u>) rallied to <u>help</u> the <u>people of Chicago</u>. The city was rebuilt to even greater <u>glory</u>.

But ... no one thought much about the poor souls in Peshtigo where the Great Fire had been much more deadly. And ... no one thought much about the fire victims in Michigan whose stories were largely unknown throughout the rest of the country.

See Alignments to State and Common Core standards for this story online at: http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/AcademicAlignment/CIVIL-RESTRICTIONS-Great-Fire-of-1871

See Learning Tasks for this story online at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/AcademicActivities/CIVIL-RESTRICTIONS-Great-Fire-of-1871

Questions 2 Ponder

What Causes Looters to Steal During a Disaster?

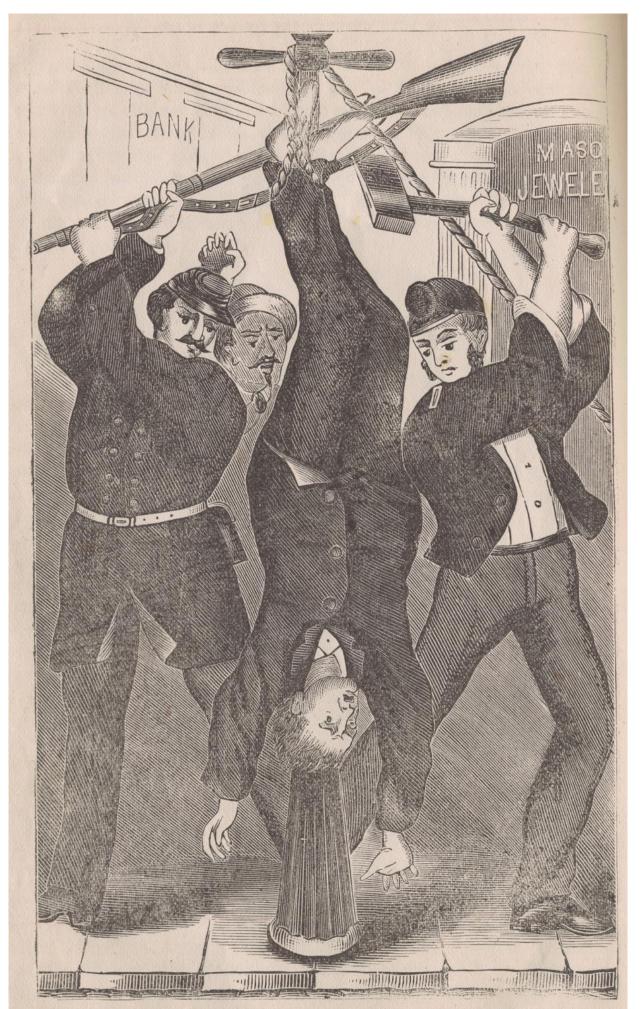
An illustration, entitled "Men and Boys Drinking from the Casks of a Burning Liquor Store," depicts events taking place at the time of the Great Chicago Fire (in 1871). It shows looters stealing goods belonging to others while their city is in the midst of a catastrophe.

Why would looters steal goods belonging to others while their city is being devoured by flames?

Review the "Fearful Retribution" illustration. Response to looting was quick, ferocious and often lethal in the aftermath of the Chicago Fire.

CIVIL RESTRICTIONS





Fearful Retribution. Thieves and Incendiaries are hanged by the Heels and brained. Fürchterliche Bergeltung. Diebe und Mordbreuner werden an den Füßen aufgehängt und maffafrirt. Was the punishment inflicted on those offenders appropriate, or inappropriate? What is the basis for your opinion?

Looting also happens in today's world, during major catastrophes (like hurricanes, floods and earthquakes). How does punishment for looters today compare with punishment for looters in 1871? Which approach is better? Explain your answer.

Media Stream



Chicago Fire - Civil Unrest

Image used in numerous publications, immediately after the Great Fire, entitled "Orgies in the Doomed City--Men and Boys Drinking from the Casks of a Burning Liquor Store." Online, courtesy U.S. Library of Congress. View this asset at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Chicago-Fire-Civil-Unrest



Chicago Fire - Looters Punished

Image entitled "Fearful Retribution. Thieves and Incendiaries are Hanged by the Heels and Brained," from George L. Barclay, *The Great Fires of Chicago*, 1871. Online, courtesy U.S. Library of Congress.

Quotations from "The doomed city! Chicago during an appalling ordeal!: the fire demon's carnival: the conflagrations in the West, South and North divisions: graphic sketches from the scene of the disaster" (1871), <u>online via Archive.org</u>. View this asset at:

http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Chicago-Fire-Looters-Punished



<u>Great Fire in Chicago - London Responds</u> Image online, courtesy U.K. National Archives. View this asset at: <u>http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/Great-Fire-in-Chicago-London-Responds</u>



Chicago, October 10, 1871. The following Ordinance was passed at a meet-ing of the Common Connell of the City of Chi-cago, on the 10th day of October, A. D. 1871:

AN ORDINANCE.

EXAMPLE ALL ADDARDED ADDARDED

Approved October 10th, 1871.

R. B. MASON, Mayor. N. HOTCHKISS, Chy Clork.

CIVIL RESTRICTIONS

View this asset at: <u>http://www.awesomestories.com/asset/view/CIVIL-RESTRICTIONS</u>