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Third Major Fire in Four Days Destroys Holy Trinity Catholic Church

Daylight View of the Church Ruins After Flames Caused Havoc

BEFORE THE SNOW OF THE HOLY TRINITY CHURCH FIRE HAD CLEARED AWAY, TUESDAY STATE AND LOCAL OFFICIALS HAD IN-
vestigated the progress of the ruins of the third major fire in the city in four days. The photo shows a general view of the devastation brought by the
flame. Part of the structure had been destroyed when this photo was taken.

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Looking Into Entry Way of Burned Out Church

FLAMES WERE STILL RAGING IN THE RUINS OF THE TRINITY CHURCH TOWER
and entry way when this photo was taken Tuesday. The photo shows how the burning, once more
brick walls, was reduced to nothingness.

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A Raging Inferno of Flames That Defied Firemen

HERE IS A VIEW FROM THE MAIN STREET SIDE OF HOLY TRINITY CHURCH AFTER THE ROOF HAD FALLEN
in the fire which destroyed the building Tuesday morning. Inlets from the roof and the structural timbers forming the floor, were

Ruins of Jones-Gragg Home Opposite Church

FIREMEN DIRECTED STREAMS OF WATER THROUGH WINDOWS OF THE HOWARD JONES AND MRS. BEST
house in Jones-Gragg home in ruins in the morning. Many efforts of firemen were made in protecting the home but it could
not be saved. The Jones-Gragg home, which was destroyed by the fire, was the home of the late Howard Jones, a prominent
Bloomington resident.

Photograph Press

Still Majestic, Though Destroyed

BEAUTY OF THE ARCHITECTURE OF HOLY TRINITY
church is well apparent in this photograph showing the shell
of the building left after fire chasing away everything but the
stone walls. Above this tower rises high a high square dome
topped by a cross. Built in the fire the support of the
stone roof failed and the church in flames as the
roaring flames consumed away around it.

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Unfold Loss

"NO MONEY CAN EVER RE-
place the golden memorials
which have been the sacred
property of Holy Trinity
church," the Rev. Fr. Monaghan,
N. Monaghan said in discussing the
loss. Declaring he believed the
loss of the church would be
the loss of the church for the
city, he said he would be
glad to see the church
rebuilt in the same place.

Interior View of Holy Trinity Church

THIS PHOTOGRAPH, MADE SEVERAL YEARS AGO, IS A GENERAL VIEW OF THE IN-
terior of Holy Trinity church, which was little changed through the years, except the re-
ligious articles and decorations. The walls, and stained ceilings of the building and some
other were damaged with recent fire work.

Before the Fire

SINCE 1874 HOLY TRINITY CHURCH STOOD AN
one of the city's most prominent. Under the name of St. Mary's
church, it was a landmark in the city's history.