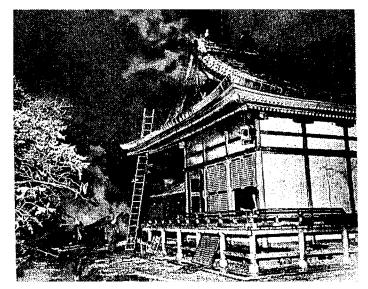
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Fire Destroys 1893 Fair Building



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Flames eating into the Japanese pagoda on the Wooded Island in Jackson park last night.

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One Destroyed, Other Building Damaged

A fire which police said was started by two 15 year old boys last night destroyed one of the two re-maining Japanese gardens buildings on Wooded Island in Jackson park and damaged the roof of the other. The buildings were built by the Japanese government for the World's Columbian exposition in 1893 and were regarded as priceless architectural treasures.

Arrested at Scene

The two boys, who admitted to Capt. Cornelius F. Cooney of the park district police that they started the fire, are Ray Laster, 1447 E. 55th st., and Charles McLeod, 5448 Dorchester av. They were arrested on the scene by Park Police Sgt. John Fox after they were pointed out by other boys who saw the fire start.

The two told Capt. Cooney they kindled twigs and tar paper at the side of one of the buildings "just to see it burn." Then they became frightened and attempted to beat out the fire but were unsuccessful, they said. Capt. Cooney released them into the custody of their parents, with orders to return to the ents, with orders to recent to the park police south section station to-morrow to confer with juvenile au-thorities. Altho nation-buildings were allowed after the

Carved, Lacquered Structures **Carved, Lacquered Structures** fair to fall into disrepair until 1935, The Japanese group originally when they were restored by the contained three structures, one of public works administration at a which was destroyed by fire June 21. cost of \$22,000. They were fabricated in Japan, From then until the attack on principally of redwood, chosen care- Pearl Harbor, the buildings were fully to avoid knots and intricately operated as a tea garden by Japa-connect and heroward. They were concessionalizes During the carved and lacquered. They were nese concessionaires. During the erected on Wooded Island for the war, before the fire last June, the fair by 75 Japanese workmen park district used the buildings as brought here for that purpose. storehouses for equipment.

The three buildings were dupli- Capt. Cooncy said the buildings cates of the Hooden temple at Niji, were not in use when the fire broke near Tokyo, and symbolized the out last night.

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