

Case No. 17,215. WASHBURN v. UNION FIRE INS. CO.
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FIRE INSURANCE—CAUSE OF LOSS—EXPLOSION AT FIRE.

The case of C. C. Washburn against the Union Fire Insurance Company in the United States circuit court yesterday resulted in a verdict for the Washburn Mills at Minneapolis, destroyed by an explosion nearly two years ago. There was a clause in the policy exempting the company from liability from loss by explosion. Plaintiff claimed that the mills were on fire before the explosion, and that the explosion was caused by fire. Judge BROWN submitted to the jury the question whether or not fire other than the ordinary fires or lights in the mill caused the explosion. They found that there was such fire, and that therefore the exemption in the policy did not apply. There were some 80 policies on the mills and contents, and other suits are pending.

[Cited in Washburn v. Miami Valley Ins. Co., 2 Fed. 639.]

[This was an action by Cadwallader C. Washburn against the Union Fire Insurance Company on a policy of insurance. The trial resulted in a verdict for plaintiff for \$1,650.50. No opinion filed.]