

SCENE OF DISASTER — The old Lafayette Market site looked like this destroyed the building, which was 82 years old at the time. Over \$2 million following a fire, which began at 3 a.m., May 4, 1953, and completely damage was done to the market and surrounding property.

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## Lafayette Market: Ave. landmark

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steel was all that remained

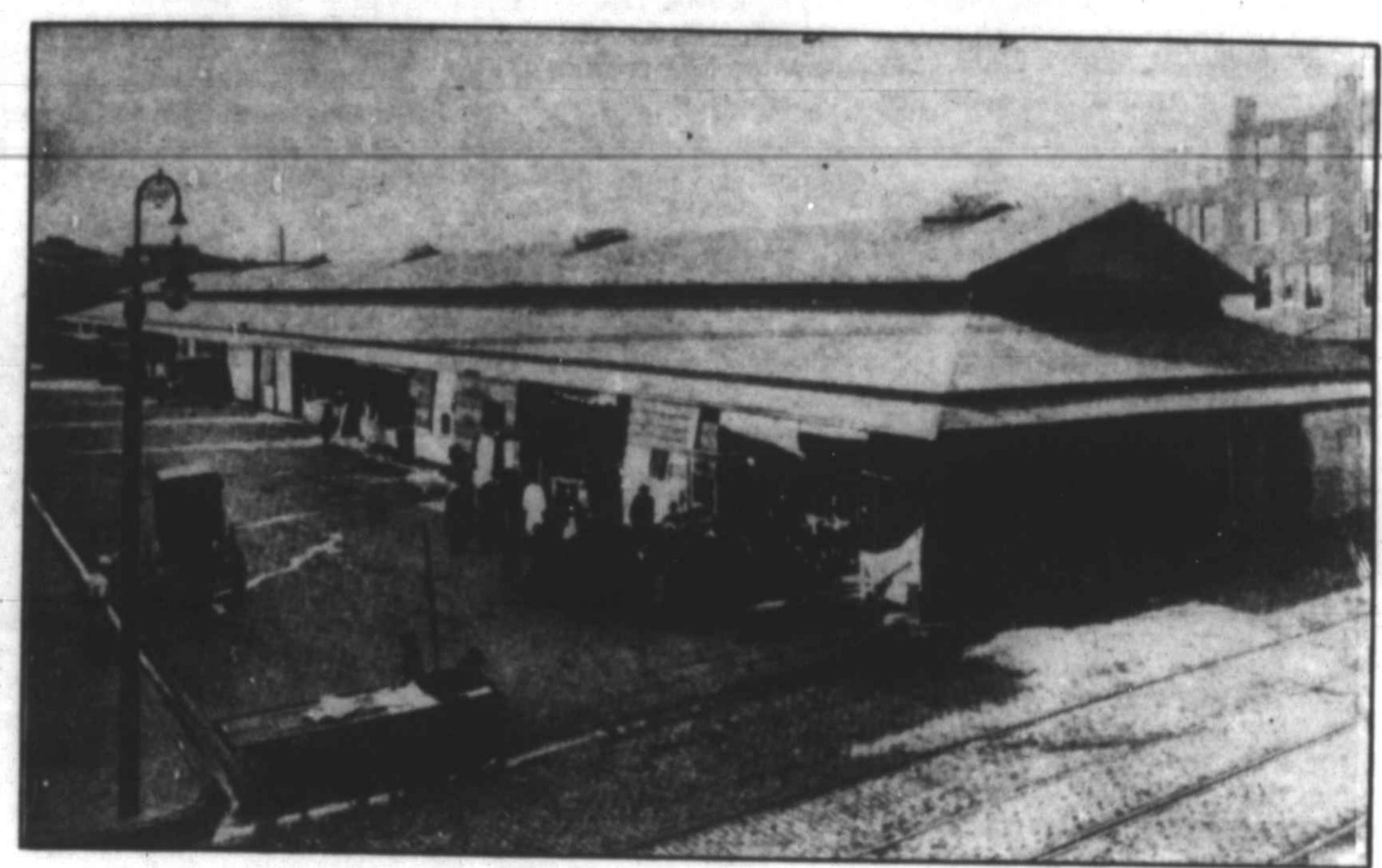
established.

The fire not only devastated

the 77 x 440 foot area where the market was erected, the blaze leveled a two-block area neighboring homes.

the fire claimed it looked like an explosion of the sun.

are in Baltimore in 50 years.



The original Lafayette Market at Laurens
St. and Pennsylvania Ave. as it looked 1871.

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