'WOOOSH!' Fire Delays Newsboy On Route Selling Tundra Times

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Today it took me more time than usual to deliver papers. I was about half finished when I heard the fire siren.

After following the fire truck to the cold storage dock, I saw a burning boat in the bay. The man and lady jumped into the water then another boat rescued them.

Just then, WOOOSH! The

cabin top exploded and there was lots of fire. They squirted water on the fire but that didn't help.

They put something like soap bubbles on the fire and it stopped right away.

I don't know what started the fire but I'm glad that Mr. and Mrs. Landstrom didn't get hurt. They are my neighbors. I'm sorry their boat and outboard motor is ruined.

Many of my regular customers are out fishing already, or are visiting down south.

But I will sell the extra papers to the tourists from the Canadian ships.

Enclosed is a check for

the 80 papers.

I hope we get better weather soon—it's cold and rainy now.