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Needlessness of the General Alarm Given.

## Moderate-Sized Fire Quickly A Controlled.

Incidents at Various Scenes and the Great Fiasco.

In the midst of a drizzling snow storm, with the wind blowing a lively breeze from the northeast, an alarm was sounded at 10.05 a.m. yes testaly from box 139, corner H and Second streets, South Boston. After a very short pause the hells again sounded, announcing a second alarm from the same box. Immediately thereafter a third alarm was given, and South Bostonians everywhere within hearing of the bells rushed without ceremony toward the peninsular wards. Three minutes further on the entire city was startled by the ever-dreaded general alarm of twelve blows thrice repeated on every fire hell and gong in Boston. As a third alarm calls an immense amount of apparatus, amply sufficient to handlean extensive fire, the immediate Infer ace from the three twelves was that South Boston must be in danger of total destruction. Accordingly thousands upon thousands of persons from the city proper and all the districts were soon hastening South Bostonward. Engines, trucks, hose carrages, elemical engines, protective wagons and all other parapheralla of the fire department seemed to pour forth from every street, rushing madly along toward the seene of devastation. Dochester, Brighton, East Boston, Charlestown, the Highlands. West Roxbury and the city proper, all resounded with the clatter and roar of apparatus, bent on reaching the corner of H and Second streets. Engines, ladder trucks and hose carts that had never seen South Boston, and never expected to, suddenly found themselves hurrying pell-nell to the support of the devoted machines in that district, while the East Boston engines all at once husfled aboard the ferry boats and stored for a visit to friends whom they had known only by reputation and a long-range view across the harbor and the South Boston flass. For once the old saw, "On the the road to Brighton," was reversed to "On the road for Brighton," was reversed to "On the load from Brighton," and the mill-dam resounded with the roar of fire machinery that rarely indeed leaves the beefy precincts of the distant ward

Even Burker Hill Monument

was for once deprived of the protection of the solitary steam fire engine begrudged by Boston to the Charlestown district, while far-away Millon was stirred to its foundations by the rattling pace of machines starting out on a six-mile journey for the South Boston conflagration. From centre to circumference, from north and iron south, from cast and from west, the great of circumference, from north and iron south, from cast and from west, the great of the start and swayed by the year, which was a subject of the south Boston and wayed by the year, while great of the six process of an about the south of the south Boston, and required the services of, possibly, half a dozen engines in their extinguishment. That was the fine that drew all but about six of the sixty pieces of fire apparatus and dozens of drivers who had driven their horse for miles and miles through muddy streets and over rough pavenents reached the end dozens of drivers who had driven benefits of the sixty pieces of the

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Merchants of Providence...
Commerce of Albany.
Standard of London.
Fite Association of Philadelphia.
Prescott of Boston.
United Firemen's of Philadelphia...

Total....

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