

# ELEVATED HAS \$350,000 FIRE

## Amory-St Barn and 43 Cars Destroyed

## Second Blaze In Two Weeks Makes Loss \$1,000,000

## Five Alarms Sent In—46 Persons Driven Out

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Feb 21—Neponset car barn fire,  
loss \$650,000.

March 4—Amory-st car barn fire,  
loss \$350,000.

Damage estimated at \$350,000 was caused yesterday morning by a spectacular and threatening five-alarm fire which broke out in the Amory-st car barns, on Amory st, Roxbury, just before 4 o'clock, and swept through the huge structure, destroying about two-thirds of the old wooden building and consuming 43 trolley cars housed within its walls.

It was the second expensive fire on property of the Boston Elevated Railway Company within the last two weeks, the first being at 3:55 a m on Feb 21, when the Neponset car barns of the company and 40 cars were destroyed, with a loss of \$650,000.

The fire became so hot within a few minutes after it was discovered that the clapboards and window glass in two large apartment houses on the opposite side of the street began to show the effects of the terrific heat.

From these dwellings policemen and firemen assisted 11 families, comprising 46 persons. The spread of the fire to more serious proportions was prevented by the effectual work of the firemen, many of whom had narrow escapes from falling trolley wires and the collapse of the roof of the carhouse 15 minutes after the firemen arrived. The cause of the fire is as yet unknown and Pres Dana of the road yesterday, in a statement, said that an investigation would be started.

The spread of the flames in a northerly direction was prevented by a huge water curtain on the wall of the Trimont Manufacturing Company, which adjoins the barns on that side. This company suffered a loss of about \$50,000 to machinery.

The fire was discovered in a car in the upper section of the barn by Andrew Dunbar, an employe. He stretched a line from the standpipe in the street in an attempt to keep the flames under control, but they spread rapidly, and the firemen came before he got the water turned on.

Three other employes attempted to run some of the cars from the barn, but gave up and had to grope their way from the building now filled with smoke. Within a few minutes the flames were mounting high into the sky.

As soon as Deputy Chief Sennott arrived he ordered the second alarm omitted and the third given. This was eight minutes after the first alarm had been rung and then the fire was so hot that the fireman sent to sound the box had to abandon his efforts to do so and ring another box. The firemen immediately directed their attention to the dwellings 42, 44 and 46 Amory st, which were wet down and saved from the flames.

The fourth alarm was given at 4:11 just before Chief Peter E. Walsh arrived in response to the third alarm. The structure was divided into three sections by fire-brick walls, but the flames broke through the roof and then spread into the middle and lower sections, as they are called. The fifth alarm was ordered rung by Chief Walsh at 4:27, and it was just four hours later that the "all out" was given.

The firemen had to be careful not to get their lines on the four large transformers in a substation of the Edison Company adjoining the car barns. These are used to transfer power to the works of the Trimont Company.

Pres Dana and other officials of the road were on hand early and the service was uninterrupted.

The fire attracted a great crowd, which was handled by Capt Gallivan, Sergt Sullivan and a big detail of police.

## TWO-ALARM FIRE IN ROXBURY BUILDING

A fire which necessitated two alarms was discovered about 6 o'clock last night by patrolman Fred Mayo of the Dudley-st Station in the four-story brick building at 2148 Washington st, Roxbury, owned by Ira W. Shapiro.

When the firemen arrived they found a brisk blaze burning on the second floor, where the fire had started in the rooms occupied by Zouls Brothers, shirt makers, and the second alarm was immediately sent in. The firemen succeeded in holding the fire on this floor. It was with difficulty that they got into the building because of the dense smoke, but they fought it and in a short time had the fire extinguished.

Chief Peter E. Walsh responded on the second alarm and took charge. He estimated the damage at \$5000. The cause is unknown.

The first floor is occupied by the Washington Furniture Company, of which Casper Katz is the proprietor. He suffered loss by smoke and water. The upper floors are occupied by Murray & Millers, upholsterers.

Street car traffic through Washington st, from Eustis st to Dudley st, was delayed for a short period by the fire, but Chief Walsh soon had the lines cleared so that traffic was resumed. Cars had been diverted through Eustis st to Harrison av, to Dudley st.