

THRILLING RESCUE AT SOUTH END FIRE

Lieut Twomey Goes Down With Roof of Bristol-St Dry House— Loss \$25,000—Three Alarms



FIGHTING FIRE IN LUMBER DRYHOUSE OF THE J. F. PAUL COMPANY, 81 BRISTOL ST.

Lieut Thomas F. Twomey of Ladder 13, who lives at 67 Etna st, Brighton, was rescued by his comrades yesterday afternoon from what seemed sure death in the flames, while fighting a fire in the lumber drying building of the J. F. Paul Company, 81 Bristol-st, South End.

At the height of the fire he was on the roof of the four-story build-

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ing, directing the work of his men, when the roof fell in and he was carried headlong into the mass of burning lumber below. His men, acting with great coolness, turned their line of hose upon him and he was covered with a curtain of water. Lieut McKeever then lowered a plank to him and, aided by a life line and belt hooks, Lieut Twomey was pulled out of the fire.



LIEUT THOMAS F. TWOMEY

At first it was feared that he was seriously burned, but he was reported as being in no danger following treatment at the City Hospital. He suffered painful burns on the face, however.

John F. Scanlon, Cornelius J. Sullivan, James J. O'Connell, Jeremiah J. Cronin, John J. Kennedy and Patrick J. Lyons, all of Ladder 13 were highly commended for their work in rescuing Lieut Twomey.

Three Alarms Sounded

The fire, which was discovered at 2:15 p. m., was caused by accumulated wood dust on top of an arch being repaired, falling upon the heated boiler. The dry dust took fire and in a short time the flames worked into the third and fourth floors, where a large quantity of oak, pine and maple lumber was stored. John Barrett, a yard foreman employed by the company, discovered the fire and sounded Box 1534. When the apparatus arrived it was found necessary to send in a second alarm and about 15 minutes later the third was sounded.

Owing to the dense smoke and the intense heat, the fire fighters were unable to get inside the building and it was nearly an hour before the blaze was under control.

T. D. Buckley, Patrick Kennedy, John Barrett, Thomas Rose, John Barrett Jr and John Locklin, chief engineer, had to make a hurried exit from the building. All their belongings were destroyed by fire and water.

The drying house is a four-story brick structure, a sort of ell attached to the main building. The first floor comprises the boiler room, while the upper three floors are used as drying rooms. The second floor had been cleared to make room for the repairs to the brick arches over the boiler room. When the green lumber is brought in it is oftentimes fuzzy and during the drying process this falls off and goes on the floor. Such an accumulation was on the

arch being repaired and this fell upon the boiler.

Damage Put at \$25,000

J. F. Paul, owner of the concern, stated that there was approximately \$20,000 worth of lumber on the two upper floors, and of this most will be a total loss. Mr Paul and Chief Tabor of the Fire Department estimated that the total damage would reach \$25,000.

For some time other buildings in the immediate vicinity were in danger, but the large amount of apparatus called was able to hold the flames to the one building.

The firemen feared that the large 125 foot chimney and the rear brick wall, about 35 feet high, might topple over. Police were stationed near it and all persons were cautioned to keep at a safe distance.

Ira Therall, a truck driver for the A. P. Leatherbee Company, was getting a load of lumber, when suddenly flames shot out near him and scorched his face. He waited for no more, but jumped on his machine, shot the gears into high and made a hurried retreat.

Mayor James M. Curley and Fire Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn were on the scene and were greatly pleased with the efforts of the firemen.

Capt Driscoll of Police Station 5 was personally in charge of the detail at the fire and kept the curious at a safe distance.

The Salvation Army came to the fire with a truck loaded with hot coffee and sandwiches, which were distributed to the firemen, who were cold from the water and biting wind.