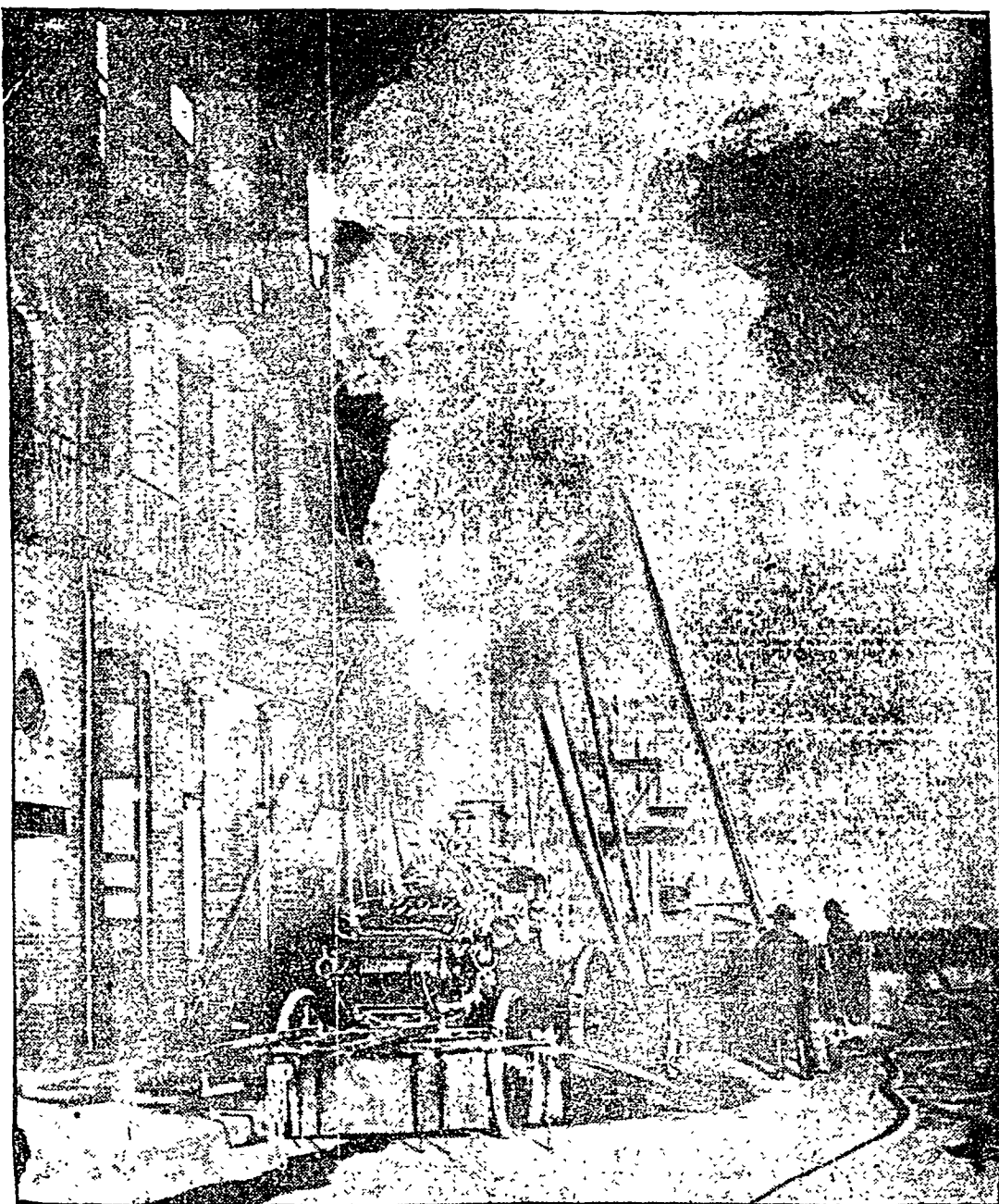


FIREMEN IN PERIL ON LADDERS FIGHTING FLAMES ON KINGSTON ST.



IN PERIL ON BIG LADDERS

Flames Burst Forth Upon Brave Firemen.

Blaze on Kingston St Causes Damage of \$35,000.

Fire in the six-story brick building, 131 and 133 Kingston st, last evening entailed a loss of about \$35,000 to the several occupants. The fire is supposed to have started in the boiler room and quickly made its way up through a light well and also the elevator shaft, until finally it broke out through a roof ventilator.

were at the windows witnessing the work of the firemen. The nurses quieted those confined in beds and told them there was no danger of the fire getting across the street.

Two members of engine 15 were slightly injured by being cut on the hands with falling glass. Hoseman O'Brien was sent to the relief station, and hose-

CAPTAIN AND SIX FIREMEN KILLED AT NEW YORK BLAZE

NEW YORK, April 8—Fire which broke out in the Metropolitan power house at 145th st and 7th av early today, threatens the destruction of the plant. At 3:30 this morning it was known that seven firemen of engine company 80 were killed under falling walls in 7th av, including Capt John R. Ryan.

Three years ago there was a fire in the same building, and while the firemen are at a loss to account for the origin of the blaze they feel that the state police should be called in to make an examination.

The building is occupied on the upper floors by a number of firms engaged in the manufacture of women's clothing, and the employes of some of these firms are at present out on strike, which was declared by the garment workers' union.

The odor of smoke was detected for fully 20 minutes before the fire could be located. Patrolman Hanrahan passed the building at 8 o'clock and started an investigation, but the east wind carried the smoke up into Chinatown, and, thinking the fire was up that way, he walked through into Harrison av.

Firemen in Danger.

In the meantime the flames burst out through the ventilator on the roof and engine 7 on East st, but a block away, was called on a still alarm. Then box 50 was sounded and when Deputy Chief Grady arrived he immediately ordered a third alarm.

At this time the fire was burning fiercely in the basement and had broken out through the roof. Ladders were raised on the front and also in the rear, where the building backs on Edinboro st.

Ladder 14 was raised at the front on Kingston st and members of engine company 35 were directing a stream when the flames burst out underneath them, and for a time they appeared in extreme peril, but they held their position. They fought the fire from the ladder until they got up on a level with the fifth floor.

Suddenly there was a burst of flame out through the windows of the two upper floors and the men on the ladder were forced to withdraw.

The upper section of the big aerial ladder quickly caught fire and for a few minutes the situation was a thrilling one, as the men could make their way but slowly down the ladder, owing to the hose they were carrying.

The flames lit up the surrounding buildings and it looked as if they would spread, when suddenly the water tower was brought into commission, lines from three engines were attached and then the fire was beaten back. The firemen had made their way down onto the main section of the ladder and while they were still in mid-air the big ladder was swung out from the building and saved from further damage.

Burst Through Window.

In the rear the firemen had a similar experience. The men of engine 15 were directing a stream through the fifth-story windows from the fire escape when the flames leaped out on them. Deputy Grady, who was in command on that side, ordered them down and they clambered to the fourth-story fire escape, where they continued work only to return as quickly as the water tower had somewhat drowned out the fire.

The cross streams from the front and rear quickly told and in less than an hour the fire was under control.

The streets in the vicinity were crowded with sightseers and Sergt. Bannister and a squad of 10 men had their hands full in keeping them back.

Around in Edinboro st, which is inhabited by Armenians and Syrians, there was a frightened throng and many of the occupants of the dwellings there prepared to get their belongings into the street, but were calmed by the firemen and police, who told them there was no danger of the fire spreading.

Charles P. Botsford, dealer in paper, who occupies the whole building, 127 and 129 Kingston st, adjoining the burned structure, suffered some damage from smoke. It was feared that the fire had gone through the walls and men were sent into the third and fourth floors, as smoke was issuing from the windows, but at no time did the fire gain entrance there.

Nurses Quieted Patients.

Every window of the United States hotel was filled, and the guests had an excellent view of the fire. They were in no danger at any time. Later the hotel management sent out an invitation to the firemen to have hot coffee.

In the Emergency hospital some of the patients who were able to get up