

DEEDS OF HEROISM

\$100,000 Fire in Albany St.

Spectacular Blaze in South End

Patrolman Carries Woman to Place of Safety.

Firemen in Peril From Fallen Live Wires.

Heroic deeds by policemen and firemen prevented possible loss of life and a great destruction of property in a four-alarm fire last night in the York building, 95 to 101 Albany st. In spite of all efforts the loss will amount to about \$100,000. It was one of the most spectacular fires that ever occurred in the South End.

The York building is a five-story brick business block occupied by a number of manufacturing concerns. The fire was first known when an automatic alarm rang in at 7:05. This was followed immediately by an alarm sounded from box 57 by patrolman Healy of station 4. After sounding the alarm Healy ran around to Hudson st, which borders on the York building, to a block of tenement houses. He found the occupants in a state of great excitement.

Brought Invalid Down.

The officer notified the tenants to get ready to move, so threatening was the fire. Hastily climbing three flights of

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stairs at No. 53, which was filled with smoke, officer Healy carried Mrs Susan Blood, aged 60, an invalid, to the first floor whence she could be easily removed in case of an emergency.

This was done before the arrival of the apparatus. The fire started on the fourth floor of 101 Albany st, and spread with lightning rapidity to the fifth floor, which was almost destroyed.

More apparatus was needed and a second alarm was sent in which brought to the scene engines 4 and 15 and with ladder 13. These pieces of apparatus under the direction of Deputy Chief McDonough took up their station on the Hudson-st side, and in short order were pouring thousands of gallons of water into the seething furnace.

Splendid work was done by ladderman T. J. Lynch of ladder 13 in the face of great danger. A ladder was put over the Hudson-st burning building and then lowered by guy ropes to a fire escape. Tongues of flame were shooting out from some of the windows, which had been forced open by hot air explosions.

Perilous Task.

The chief gave orders to have all of the windows opened, and this most hazardous task fell to ladderman Lynch. He descended the ladder and opened window after window. At times his position was so perilous that it was necessary for Capt Richardson of engine 15 to play a stream of water over the head of the plucky fireman in order to prevent him from being overcome by the heat. In going to the fire, engine 38, in coming down Tyler st, ran into tower 1 as the latter was proceeding down Harvard st. Quick to grasp the situation, patrolman Sullivan of station 4 grabbed the horses of the engine. Before he brought them to a stop, however, the engine had struck the tower wagon and knocked it against a telephone pole. The men and horses were uninjured.

Thomas Stevens, driver for Deputy Chief Grady, fell down a flight of stairs at 101 Albany st. He was taken in the deputy chief's wagon to the City hospital relief station, where his case was diagnosed as an internal injury, painful, but not of a serious nature.

The fire attracted an enormous crowd in spite of the rain and the election

returns, and for a time the detail of officers had all it could do to handle it.

Live Wire Danger.

The work of the firemen was greatly handicapped by a mesh of live wires which fell to the ground. They spluttered and cracked. Many beat a hasty retreat when the unexpected display of wire pyrotechnics was given. The re-

pair wagon of the elevated company came and soon that circuit was cut off. The firemen then worked with less danger.

There was a police detail of 55 patrolmen, 45 from station 4 and 10 from other stations. They were in charge of Capt Lawrence Cain and Lieut Jones and Sergt Guard.

The occupants of the burned building which sustained a fire loss were: No. 86, L. & T. plastic slate and roof com-

pany; F. A. Horle, paper box manufacturer; No. 101, Lord electric company; third floor, Boston stay company; fifth floor, Henry R. Barry, manufacturer of children's dresses, and J. M. Hassell, manufacturer of women's clothes and dresses.

