

# THE GLOBE EXTRA!

## 6.30 O'CLOCK.

# WATER FROZEN

## Hyde Park Firemen Baffled.

## Everett Hall in Flames This Morning.

## Devastation Threatened the Town.

## Fair of Post 121 Wrecked.

## Two Thousand Valuable Relics Ruined.

## Assistance Called From Readville.

## Boston in Readiness to Send Aid When wanted.

HYDE PARK, Dec. 14.—The Everett block, a handsome stone-front building, facing Everett square, in the centre of this thriving village, was threatened with total destruction at an early hour this morning.

It was shortly after 2 o'clock when flames and smoke were seen issuing from around the crevices of the door of the Boston Cash Market, a provision store in the basement of the building.

A call for help roused many of the sleeping citizens, and at 3 o'clock the fire department of the town had arrived in the square.

It was fully 15 minutes before a stream of water could be forced upon the flames, which had at that hour broke forth in the second and third stories of the building, and were communicating with the adjoining building, a wooden structure.

Bravely the men worked at the old engine, but the single stream of hose failed to subdue the flames, which burst forth passionately from the many windows, and threatened to destroy the whole block, which comprises a large portion of the business section of the town.

After a half hour's work the firemen became discouraged, and the water giving out, they were in a bad predicament.

The flames gained headway rapidly, and enveloped the whole building, in the upper story of which the Grand Army men have been holding a fair.

Here, in what is termed "Everett Hall," were a large collection of valuable paintings and war relics which had been loaned to the veterans of Hyde Park. These will all undoubtedly fall a prey to the flames, as at this hour (t. a. m.) it is impossible to enter the building.

The Everett block is three stories in height, built of brick, with a front of granite. It has a street frontage of about 50 feet, and extends backward from the street about 100 feet. On the street floor are a tinware and stove store and a market. In the second story is located the bank and several offices occupied by lawyers. The third floor is wholly devoted to a hall, which is used by the town for all public occasions, and which at present is leased by the veteran soldiers.

The buildings extend for about 600 feet around the corner on Railroad avenue, which leads to the New York & New England railroad depot. They are all connected, and, with one exception, a brick block used as a tenement house on the upper floors and a market in the basement, all are of wood.

The Everett block was owned by A. H. Holway, and was valued at about \$50,000. It will prove a total loss.

At 4.30 the fire had completely gutted the building and threatened to devastate the surrounding property. Assistance from Readville was called for, and quickly responded.

The flames baffled the firemen, and assistance will probably have to be asked for from Boston.

### BUILDING A TOTAL WRECK.

Hydrants Froze and Firemen Had a Hard Night's Fight.

HYDE PARK, Dec. 14—5 a. m.—What may prove one of the most extensive and destructive fires in Hyde Park for many years broke out at 2.30 this morning in Everett Hall, one of Hyde Park's most prominent buildings, and within whose walls the Grand Army boys are this week holding a fair.

The fire was discovered in the Boston Cash Market, and from there rapidly spread to the other floors, making its way from cellar to roof through the partitions, creating a dense smoke.

To make matters worse the firemen were unable at first to get any water, and some progress had been made before they got to work. The intensely cold weather froze the water and made the work of the firemen anything but a pleasant task.

On the third floor is the Town Hall, wherein was arrayed a very valuable collection of war relics and oil paintings, which were loaned for this occasion. The loss to Timothy Ingraham Post, 121, G. A. R., will be heavy.

In a room adjoining were the relics that had been loaned by both citizens of this

and surrounding towns, which were all probably ruined. The collection contained over 2000 articles, including wooden shutters from Washington's headquarters, cannon balls and a hundred and one things which cannot be replaced.

In Everett Hall everything is lost, the pretty booths and tables of fancy goods being heaped of ruin, a sad ending to the bright opening of two nights ago.

The firemen were hampered early in their fight with the fire by the frozen condition of the hydrant, but they soon got water from other hydrants adjacent and had a dozen hydrants pouring tons of water through the windows and hall door.

After the first alarm a second alarm was rung in and help soon arrived from Readville.

The fire was a stubborn one, and it was hard to get under control, as it had got into good headway before the engine arrived.

Everett Hall was built by A. H. Holway about 15 years ago, and is a stone structure, although finished in wood throughout, being one of the imposing structures in town. In fact it is the only hall of any size, and in it town meetings have been held since the destruction of the old Town Hall, a number of years ago.

There is an intense feeling of gloom among the Grand Army boys who are in the square this morning. Their work of months which they expected would result in a substantial addition to the relief fund of their post, many of their old comrades needing assistance, which it was expected the money made at this fair would relieve, had ended in disappointment.

At 4 o'clock the fire was still stubbornly burning through the walls, occasionally breaking forth in bright flames, which licked up everything in their pathway, and then sullenly died away to reappear in another instant.

Connecting with this building is Neponset block, which runs a third of the way to the New England depot. This block contains a dozen stores, and each one filled with Christmas goods. It is not expected that this block, though of wood, will be burned, a thick wall of brick separating it from Everett Hall.

Chief Engineer Williams was early on the scene, and did all in his power to save what property he could.

The bank property is all right, the books and collateral being safely stored away in a fireproof vault. The furniture in this room, as in the others, is badly damaged both by fire and water.

The well-known lawyer, Edmund Davis, occupied a suite of rooms on the second floor as an office. His loss will probably be small, as all his papers are safely housed in an iron vault, and it will be confined mainly to office furniture.

Dr. Pendleton will probably suffer quite a loss on his instruments, which must be ruined by water.

The Boston Cash Market will lose its stock in trade in meats and groceries.

Gleason's hardware and tin store will be in bad condition from both fire and water.

It cannot be learned what insurance there is on the building, and contents at the present writing.

About 5.30 o'clock the firemen had the blaze under control, and had succeeded in confining it to the Everett block, and an end of the Neponset block.

It is impossible to ascertain the cause of the fire, but it is believed to have originated in the rear part of the market, where there is located a stove.

The loss, when it is considered that the war relics and oil paintings are destroyed, it is believed, will not fall short of \$125,000, and may exceed that amount.

It is understood that Timothy Ingraham Post, 121, G. A. R., has no insurance on its goods.

Mr. Gleason has an insurance of \$3000 on his stock and his loss will amount to fully \$2500.

### READY TO ASSIST.

Boston's Fire Chief Holds Three Steamers in Readiness.

When the chief of the Boston fire department learned of the fire raging in Hyde Park he gave orders to hold three steam fire engines in readiness to answer any call for assistance.

It would have required but a few minutes to have reached the railroad, loaded them on flat cars and started for the scene of the fire.

At 5 o'clock this morning no call for assistance from the Boston department had been received, however, and it was announced by telephone that the fire was under control.