

# FEARLESS BOSTON FIREMEN

## Who Take All Kinds of Chances

### A SERIES OF PERSONAL STORIES.

#### CHIEF PETER F. McDONOUGH.

"In January, 1907, when I was the deputy chief of the 2d Division, with headquarters at Ladder 12, Tremont st, Roxbury, there was a serious fire in the Waverley House, City sq, Charlestown. On the third alarm I left my quarters and went to Mason st, responding to the fire when the fourth alarm was registered.

"About the time that I arrived people were jumping from the fifth and sixth floors. A messenger notified me that Chief Mullen and Commissioner Wells wanted me to go to the sixth floor for a woman who was half-way out of a window.

"I had to crawl up on my hands and knees because of the denseness of the smoke. Reaching the sixth floor, I had to enter several rooms and examine them carefully before I finally found the one in which the stricken woman was. She was hanging over the windowsill and the fire was threatening to envelop her.

"I saw that she was unconscious and started to carry her out, but she was a very heavy woman and I was unable to do so and had to drag her from the room into a corridor and then shouted for help. Some firemen working on lower floors responded and we carried

the woman to the street. Her brother either fell or jumped from the window prior to my arrival at the fire.



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"Later I received a letter of commendation from the Fire Commissioner."

Chief McDonough was born in the North End and has served 32 years in the Fire Department.