

# FIREMEN HARD-HIT IN ATLANTIC-AV BLAZE

## Seven Laid Up From Fumes of Burning Material

### Numerous Concerns Affected, Loss Being Set as High as \$200,000

Seven Boston firemen, two of them officers, are on the injured list, with three confined to the Relief Hospital from fumes which they inhaled in the smoke while fighting the four-alarm fire in 451-463 Atlantic av and 167 Oliver st yesterday morning. The injured firemen are:

Dist Chief Cornelius J. O'Brien, quartered at Pittsburg st, confined to his home.

Capt James F. Ryan of Engine 25, Fort Hill sq, confined to his home.

Hoseman William H. Carroll, Engine 8, Salem st, Relief Hospital.

Hoseman John J. Regan, Engine 8, Relief Hospital.

Hoseman William L. Nolan, Engine 8, Relief Hospital.

Hoseman John J. Donohoe, Engine 25, confined to his home.

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More than a score of other men, who remained on duty, despite their sufferings, or who went on a day off after the fire without making known their plight, were affected by the fumes.

Acting Deputy Chief Edward J. Shallow, quartered at Fort Hill sq., is one of those seriously affected, but who remained on duty. Stories of the sufferings of the men leaked out last night. It appears that none at the fire reported themselves as injured.

A few hours afterward, however, some complained of severe pains in the lungs and a stifling condition about the heart; others complained of their eyes and inside of a few hours were temporarily blind, unable to sleep, and with shooting pains in the eyes.

Chief Walsh believes the trouble is due to the peculiar assortment of material which was afire in the building, the difficulty in reaching the heart of the blaze and the atmospheric conditions.

Smoke from burning acids, glue, paper, peculiar and thick paints used on toys, boiling ink, burning rubber and other material made a rare combination and some fire officials suspect a mixture of gases much like "poison gases" used in the war.

The building is so located that it was found very difficult to reach the fire from the outside and prevent a conflagration. Chief Walsh sent men into the building, where they were kept for as short a time as possible.

Engine 8 company fought its way to the roof and received the worst punishment. Engine 25 men fought the fire in the Oliver-st building and were injured there.

The damage suffered by several firms is estimated conservatively at \$150,000, although it may go as high as \$200,000. No cause could be assigned for the blaze, which started on the second floor of the Atlantic av building. Among those damaged by the fire are:

Joseph Beal & Co, machinery; Patent Cereal Company, Bay State Bindery, the National Company, machinery dealers, and F. E. Bacon Company, printers, were the sufferers from the fire in the Atlantic av building. This building is owned by the Massachusetts General Hospital.

The Ault Wiborg Company occupy the first floor at 163-167 Oliver st. In the basement at 165 Oliver st is a service department of the A. B. See Electric Elevator Company, and at 167 Oliver st is the entrance to the upper floors.

At 167 Oliver st are the Portland Sales Company, Connecticut Valley Paper Company, National Company, Massachusetts Linotyping Corporation, Bay State Bindery Company, Crocker Pen Company, Veador-Peterson Company, G. M. Miller Company and C. R. English Company.

## CURRENT AFFAIRS ISSUE DELAYED BY THE FIRE

One of the concerns wiped out by the Atlantic-av fire yesterday was Massachusetts Linotyping Corporation, which does the printing for the Boston Chamber of Commerce and was about to go to press on Current Affairs, the official weekly of the Chamber.

The Chamber announced that Current Affairs will be published as usual this week, although it will be impossible to issue it at the regular time.