

# 16 FIREMEN ARE INJURED

## Suffer from Gas Explosion And Dense Smoke.

### Several Made Unconscious At Blaze in Roxbury.

### Asst Engineer Engler Trampled Upon by Horses.

#### **FIREMEN INJURED:**

**ASST ENGINEER SAMUEL ENGLER** of engine 12, tramped on by horses; seriously injured internally.

**LIEUT MICHAEL BOYLE** of engine 12; injured by explosion of gas.

**HOSEMEN CORREA** and **HARTNETT** of engine 12; injured by explosion of gas; taken to City hospital unconscious.

**LIEUT CARLETON**, **HOSEMEN DANIEL DOHERTY**, **C. J. DOHERTY** and **JOHN J. QUIGLEY** of engine 24, overcome by smoke.

**HOSEMEN DENNIS LANE**, **PATRICK DOWLING** and **WILLIAM SMITH** of engine 13, overcome by smoke.

**LIEUT NICHOLS**, **LADDERMEN CORNELIUS MOAKLEY** and **JOHN O'DONNELL** of ladder 7, overcome by smoke.

**CAPT CRONIN** and **HOSEMEN CANNON**, **GAFFEY** and **ACKERLY** of engine 24, overcome by smoke.

Some 16 firemen were overcome by smoke or seriously affected by the explosion of a gas pipe in a fire which broke out shortly before 11 o'clock last night in the three-story brick structure, 500 to 506 Dudley st, Roxbury, and assistant engineer Samuel Engler of engine 12 was trampled upon by the horses belonging to engine 21 and was removed to the City hospital in a serious condition.

The others who suffered were Lieut Michael Boyle and hosemen Correa and Hartnett of engine 12; Lieut Carleton, hosemen Daniel Doherty, C. J. Doherty and John J. Quigley of ladder 7, and hosemen Dennis Lane, Patrick Dowling and William Smith of engine 13; Lieut Nichols and laddermen Cornelius Moakley and John O'Donnell of ladder 7, and Capt Cronin and hosemen Cannon, Gaffey and Ackerly of engine 24.

The fire, which was what is known among the firemen as "a smoke blaze," was one of the stubbornest the men in the Roxbury district have been called upon to fight for a long time. While the men were cutting away the flooring in the lower part of the building a gas pipe in the Salvation Army quarters exploded and Lieut Boyle and hosemen Hartnett and Correa of engine 12 were overcome by the smoke and dazed by the force of the explosion. The men, who were unconscious when they were taken out into the street, were placed in

Chief Mullen's auto and hurried to the City hospital. Lieut Nichols of ladder 7 was also taken to the City hospital.

The fire was discovered just before 11 o'clock by persons living in the vicinity who had smelled smoke for some time. They were hunting for the blaze, when they saw the flames making their way out of the rear of the building, which abuts on Rockford st. An alarm was given from box 315, and when the firemen arrived the fire had made such progress that a second alarm was ordered from the same box.

The building is a long brick structure, occupied on the lower floor by the Salvation Army and the Standard laundry, while the upper part is occupied by the Soule art company. The fire originated from some unknown cause in the rear of the basement, probably in the fire room of the laundry, and worked up to the street.

It was accompanied by dense smoke, which seriously handicapped the firemen in their work. For some time they were unable to find the fire, and a number of them were sent into the building to tear up the floor in the laundry. Capt Cronin, with hosemen Gaffey, Ackerly and Cannon of engine 17, were engaged in this work when they were overcome partly by the smoke which rolled up from the basement and

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partly by the intense heat. They were taken out to the street by their comrades, where they soon revived and returned to their work.



**CAPT. MORTIMER CRONIN**  
Of Engine 24, Overcome by Smoke.

Assistant engineer Samuel Engler of engine 12 was trampled upon by the horses attached to engine 21. He was



**LIEUT. MICHAEL BOYLE**  
Of Engine 12, Injured by Gas Explosion

assisting in making a connection at one of the hydrants when the horses became frightened by the dense smoke and broke away from the hitching-post to which they were attached. Engler was thrown into the street and before the horses were controlled he had been



**FIREMAN DANIEL J. DOHERTY**  
of Engine 24, Overcome by Smoke.

struck several times by their hoofs.

The firemen managed to keep the blaze confined to the lower part of the building, but the stock of the Soule art company was considerably damaged by smoke and water. The laundry company will be the principal loser. The building, which was formerly occupied by the Mt Pleasant stables, is owned by the elevated railroad company. It is believed that \$5000 will cover the damage.