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# An East Boston Block Was Badly Gutted.

Deputy Chief Regan Took No Chances.

# Promptly Sent In a Fourth Alarm.

Flames Fed by Dry Wood and Shavings.

## Origin of the Fire is Not Easily Accounted For.

### S. T. Manson Owned the Woodworking Mills.

# Property Loss It is Estimated Will Reach \$30.000.

The flist four-alaim fire in East Bos-ton for more than a year was rung in last night for a lively blaze in the wood-working mills of S. T. Manson, 98 to 111 Botder st. The two upper stories of the building, which is a long, four-storied brick block, were badly gutted, and the stock and valuable machinery on the two lower stories were badly damaged by smoke and water. A fact that makes this fire of unusual significance is that, some three weeks ago, Fire Commissioner Henry S. Rus-sell ordered the removal of the electric buttons which formerly connected the various buildings of the plant with en-gine company 9 located on Paris st. No reason is assigned for this action on the part of the commissioner. Fiel P. Manson, son of the proprie-tor, claims that had the buttons been still in the plant and in good working order, much of the damage entailed might have been averted, and the fire itself might have been confined to small dimensions. The building is occupied on the lower

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their might have been commed to small dimensions. The building is occupied on the lower floor by S. T. Manson, who has his of-flee and molding room there: Frame & Mc Pherson, house and ship carpenters, and L. L. Harris, who occupied both a corner of this and a part of an adjoin-ing building; while a portion of the second and all of the third and fourth floots wero occupied by the Phonoharp company as a factory. The plant is situated in the square bounded by Decatur st on the north, Liverpool st on the east and Border st on the west. The buildings are situated on Decatur and Border sts, while there is a lumber shed and stables located on Liverpool st. The space between the main building and Liverpool st is used as a lumber yard.

### Origin of Blazo.

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wooden sawmill, one story in hight, which connects the two main buildings. It was first discovered by watchman by N. Banks, who was at the time in the engine room. As he describes it, he had merely turned around for a mo-ment when he smelled smoke and heard the enackling of flames, and on rushing to the door, found a wheely ment which is a set of fames, and the erackling of fames, and to the door, found a wheelbarrow f with shavings, which was standin the passageway, blazing away, w from it, teeding on the shavings refuse excelsion with which the standing in while pasay was fiely strewn, the fames radiating in all directions, but pally in the direction of the long building which suffered the most sageway were principally in the brick building vision damage.

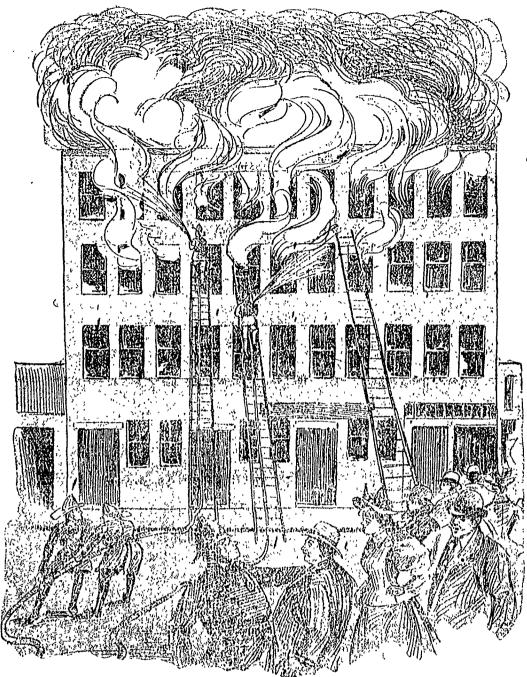
serious damage. Mr Banks, who is an elderly n Arst tiled to put out the binzo by thr ing several buckets of water over but the flames quickly got beyond 632, at the corner of Liverpool and D tur sts. In his nervousness and are ment be did and man, throw ïi, r his , box, De 632, at the corner of inversion and Deci-tur sts. In his nervousness and excite-ment he did not make a success of ring-ing in the alarm, and the attention of the patrolman on the beat, John F. Mit-chell, was attracted to the spot. Another young man came running up, and was ordered by officer Mitchell to the alarm, while he attended to

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FIGHTING FLAMES ON BORDER ST SIDE OF BUILDING.

### FIERCE BLAZE

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getting out the horses from the stables,

Retting out the horses from the stables, Of these there were eight. The first alarm was rung in at 9.22, the second following at 9.33, the third at 9.40, and the fourth at 10.20. The second and third alarms were rung in at the older of District Chief Peter F. McDonough, and the fourth by Deputy Chief John Regan. While the mometary loss caused by the fire would not seem to warrant the pulling in of the fourth alarm, and, in fact, this was freely commented upon by the spectrators, Deputy Chief Regan told a Globe reporter that his reasons for doing so were because he observed a long crack running from the top confined, and knowing the inflammable nature of the materials in, as well as around the bottom of the surroundings of the plart were of such a nature that had the flames once broken out into the adjoining buildings they would soon have gotten beyond all control. Another reason was because about this time the flames in the building upper story scenaed to get beyond the control of the firemen and burst out of the windows and through the roof in huge masses, driving a number of the Reporduced with permission of the

AMES ON BORDER ST SIDE OF BUILDING. AMES ON BORDER ST SIDE OF BUILDING. A making its presence felt. Firomon Driven Back. Firomon Driven Back. When engine 9 and ladder 9 arityed at the scene of the fire, the fames have a properly loss esti-ates of the long bick tailding on Bor-ites of the long bick tailding on Bor-ter st, and it was evident that a seri-cus conflagration threatened. District Chief McDonough was immediately on the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the totag which was immediately on the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene, and at once ordered e second at the scene of the upper stores of the beliating of the woodwork of the harps. After the the had once obtained i hat the still that a good part of the was facthed to attr bor before it. Density haves clouds of heavy smoke arose and float reason why the should have caught be stilled. The induce of the most inflaves clouds of heavy smoke arose and float reason why the should as the cause. After the the has once, and the southeast, driven be the strong while was unusually heavy on account of the receipt of secure index the thermen hack before it. Density of 75 hands, and Manson bout af moloyment. The fone that is also was easy prey for the and the most of these will be thrown index and it was not more than firm that beat sides enabled them to make headway at stees after the fourth alarm had been intes after the fourth alarm had been copyright owner. Further reproduction prohibited without permission.

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