

# LIVES IN PERIL.

## Cause Was a Fierce Fire at Jamaica Plain.

Large Block of J. W. Goodnow  
Was Damaged About \$8000.

## Several Families Occupy the Upper Portions.

Had to Flee Scantily Clad  
for Safety.

## Seven Horses Suffocated—A Daring Rescue.

Fire broke out just before 1 this morning in the large tenement house, bake-shop and stable of J. W. Goodnow, baker, on Center st, near Green, Jamaica Plain.

Three alarms within half an hour called nearly every piece of fire apparatus south of Dudley st to the scene.

The property consists of a 3½-story wooden block, numbered 710, 712 and 714 Center st, Mr Goodnow's bakeshop occupying the ground floor and several families living in the apartments above.

The loss will not exceed \$8000.

Great excitement was occasioned in the efforts of arousing and conducting these occupants to safety, some of them being overcome by excitement, while the rapid spread of the flames made their immediate getting out imperative.

In night clothing and in scanty apparel hastily donned, nearly all rushed or were assisted to the street. No fatalities resulted.

The fire originated in Mr Goodnow's stable in the rear of the main building. It had gained quite rapid headway when discovered, and District Chief Abbott, whose quarters are at engine 28's house, almost directly opposite the scene, ordered a second alarm immediately upon seeing the extent and the possibility of the spread of the flames.

Despite the efforts of the firemen summoned on the first two alarms, the flames had spread to the front building and were fast getting the mastery and threatening all adjoining property, and at 1.17, 20 minutes after the second and 25 minutes after the first alarms, a third call for additional apparatus was sent in.

This massed nine engines, two ladders and one chemical engine on the spot, a force quite sufficient to successfully cope with the flames.

The fight was a tough one, however, the firemen gaining inch by inch only, and several hours' hard work were required to completely drown out the blaze, even after it was considered that the force had it under control and well in hand.

The fire was discovered by patrolmen John McGarrigle and John McAdam of division 13, who had just come out from the station on the morning watch. While McGarrigle started for the fire alarm box on engine 28's house, McAdams went into the tenement, which fronts on Center st, and which adjoins the barn, and routed out three families, all of whom were in danger of suffocation, the smoke being very dense.

He managed to get out all three families, two or three members of which were but semiconscious, the smoke having affected them. They were the Aronson family, father, mother and three children; the Butler family, father, mother and one child, and the Kane family, father, mother and two children.

After four members of the Aronson family had been gotten out, together with all of the Butler and Kane families, and when it was believed that all were out of the house in safety, it was discovered that a member of the Aron-

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son family, a young man who had been confined to his bed for several days with a broken leg, was in the house. Patrolman McAdams at once dashed back in through the dense smoke and after a search located him and carried the injured man in his arms to the street, from where he was removed to a neighbor's house.

The damage was principally by water and smoke. Six horses, the property of Goodnow, were smothered, and another horse owned by Andrew F. Gori, a carpenter, occupying an adjoining stable, met the same fate. In addition to hay, harness and other effects Goodnow also suffers a loss of 14 wagons and carriages.

A wagon belonging to Gori, besides carpenters' stock, which were in the adjoining stable, were lost, while the stable, which is owned by Henry W. Beckwith, was seriously damaged.

The ringing of three alarms in this usually quiet neighborhood attracted large crowds to the fire.