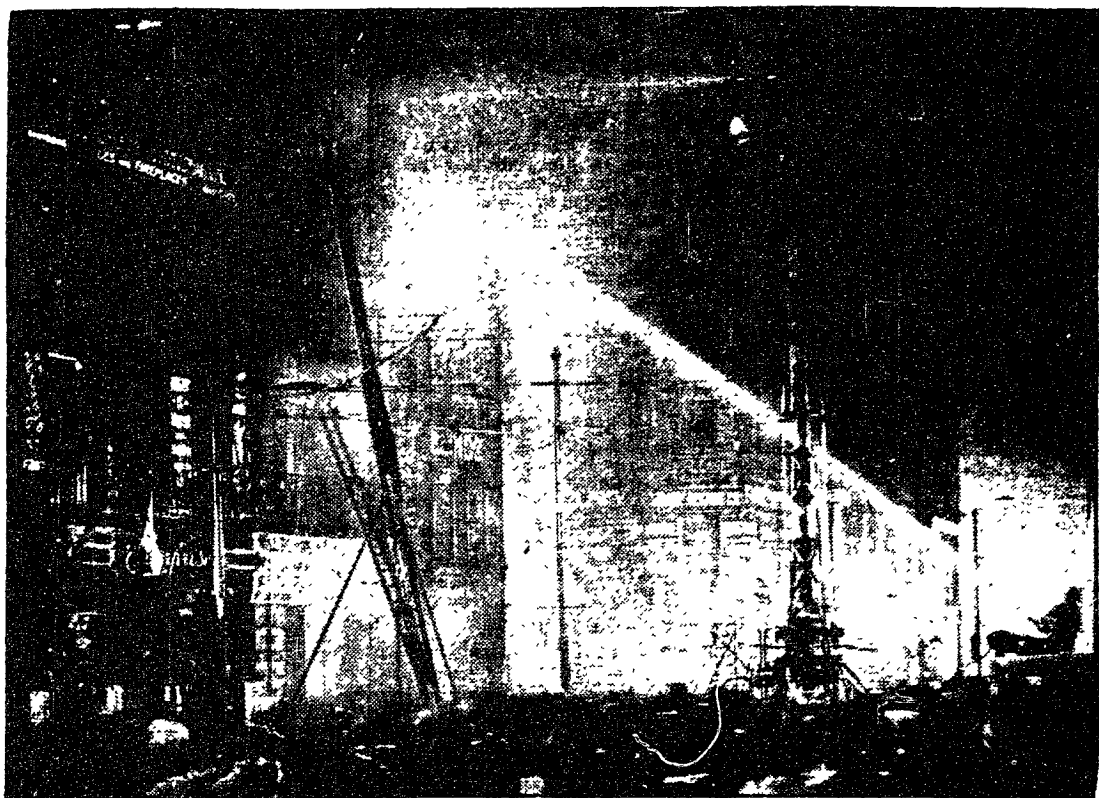


GREAT CROWD SEES NORTH END BLAZE

Damage of \$50,000 Results From Spectacular Fire in Haymarket Sq Building.



WATER TOWER FIGHTING FIRE IN HAYMARKET SQ.

Firemen Narrowly Escape Collapsing Floors --- Smoke In Street Conceals Apparatus.

A throng estimated at 25,000 persons filled Haymarket sq, Washington, Hanover, Friend and Portland sts, from shortly after 9 until 11 o'clock last evening watching the progress of a spectacular fight with a fire which did damage estimated at upward of \$50,000 in the five-story brick building 28 and 29 Haymarket sq, extending through to 105 Friend st.

The smoke was so dense and hung so low in the streets that it was barely possible for the firemen to make their way around the burning building and work their apparatus.

Members of engine 4 company had a narrow escape, fleeing from the second floor just as the upper floors collapsed.

For an hour it seemed as if the fire must spread, but the brick party walls and iron doors between the Holland building and the Holmes building at Washington st and Haymarket sq and two other buildings on the corner extending along Sudbury to Friend st held firm.

The first floor of the burned building at 28 and 29 Haymarket sq is occupied as an office by the Jackson & Newton company, manufacturers of and dealers in doors and windows, who have a storehouse in Cambridge.

All of the remainder of the large building extending through to Friend st at No. 105 is occupied by Miller & Goldberg, picture framers and dealers in pictures and mirrors.

Flames Roar Through Roof.

A man whose name was not ascertained was passing through Friend st at 9.30 o'clock when he saw the flames on the second, third and fourth floors of the Friend-st side of the building, and he ran to ladder company 1's house. Ladderman C. J. Foley ran into the street and sent in an alarm from box 11 at 9.22 p. m. Sergt Daniel Murphy and patrolman Nixon of the Hanover-st station at the same moment ran up Hanover st to box 706, where they sent in an alarm, which was not sent out by fire headquarters.

Before the firemen reached the burning building the flames were breaking through the roof and illuminating the sky and lighting Haymarket sq brightly. Dist Chief Fox sent in a second alarm as soon as he arrived. Chief Mullen sent in the third alarm at 9.27, when he reached the scene, for the flames were then reaching out of every window in the building.

The smoke was so dense that it was impossible for the firemen for a few minutes to run their trucks into Friend st to fight the fire from that side.

Chief Mullen immediately ordered his men up into the Karpen building at the corner of Sudbury and Friend sts and he also had several ladders erected against the side of that building, which firemen mounted with lines of hose to begin a desperate fight. The men inside played their streams across the narrow street into the burning building.

Members of engine company 25 and 36 mounted the fire escapes on the Haymarket-sq front of the building and played streams through the windows and wet down the fire walls.

Water Tower Drowns Out the Fire.

Lieut Daniel O'Brien placed his tower No. 3 in front of the building in Haymarket sq and poured two great streams from his tower and stern guns into the top floors, and immediately made headway against the flames.

The bow and stern guns of the hose wagon of engine company 24 were played upon the flames from this same position and soon the flames were squelched, but the clouds of smoke were so intense that it was impossible to stand in the square and breathe comfortably.

Lieut Long placed his tower No. 1 in Friend st and from that place he poured streams into the Friend-st side

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where the flames were the most intense. Members of engine companies 4, 9 and 26 fought the fire from the Friend-st side and worked at disadvantage because of the heat and smoke. Human endurance was put to a test in staying more than a few minutes without being overcome.

Members of engine 4's company finally worked their way into the burning building on the second floor, where they were doing vallant work when suddenly the upper floors collapsed. The men were obliged to flee to the ladders to save their lives. It was considered remarkable that no one was injured, as the men had just made their escape when the burning floors crashed down where a minute before they had been standing.

The firemen on the third and fourth floors of the Karpen building at 20 Sudbury st made great headway against the onrush of the flames which for a half hour threatened to cross the street and spread through the district.

Flames Drive Men Back.

Aerial ladder 13 was erected at the corner of Friend on Sudbury st and men with lines of hose mounted it and poured streams upon the roofs of the burning building and the two adjoining buildings that extend along Sudbury st to Haymarket sq. The flames that broke through the roof were so intense that they were forced from time to time to lower their ladder and move it back toward the square.

E. A. Carlisle and Pope & Co occupy the five-story building at Sudbury st and Haymarket sq. This firm deals in doors, sashes, blinds and building material. The flames in the adjoining building owned by Holland Bros, liquor dealers, who will occupy it on June 1 as a liquor store, broke apertures in the fire walls on the fourth and fifth floors and made their way through and caused damage of upward of \$1000 to the stock and fixtures on these floors.

Dist Chief Taber, who was acting deputy chief for the night, accompanied men up into this building and upon the two threatened floors, fighting the flames back.

The five-story brick building, extending from Friend st to the Carlisle-Pope building, was threatened for an hour, but the firemen kept it wet down.

The first floor of this building is occupied by Richardson & Brackett, dealers in varnishes, paints, oils and brushes.

The firemen feared hot air and other explosions and were obliged to work cautiously. A slight fire started on the second floor of this building and a chemical company was sent inside by Chief Mullen and soon extinguished the flames.

Traffic Diverted Over Wide Area.

At the outset of the fight linemen of the Boston elevated railway company cut the trolley and feed wires in Washington st, Haymarket sq and Sudbury st, to make it possible for the aerial ladder and the water tower to be operated.

During the fire all street car and other traffic through Washington st in that section and in Haymarket sq, Sudbury, Portland and Friend sts was diverted. Passengers going north and to the North station were transferred to the Adams-sq subway station and to the elevated in the Washington-st tunnel at Friend and Union st stations. Cars going south were sent through the subway from the North station and passengers were transferred to the elevated trains.

Chief Inspector Flood of the elevated system was on the scene at the start of the fire and did everything in his power to accommodate passengers.

Great excitement prevailed in the crowds during the fight with the flames but a large detail of police under Sergt Daniel Murphy roped off the district. Sergt Sullivan of the Joy-st station was on hand with a big detail of patrolmen.

Special officers O'Donnell and Crawford of the Hanover-st station captured three alleged pickpockets whom they charge with attempting to work in the crowds during the fire.

During the fight with this fire, alarms came in from box 94, at the corner of Buckingham and Dartmouth sts, and box 72b, on Long wharf. Firemen and apparatus were sent to these fires, but they did not delay the men long. No serious damage resulted from these two fires.