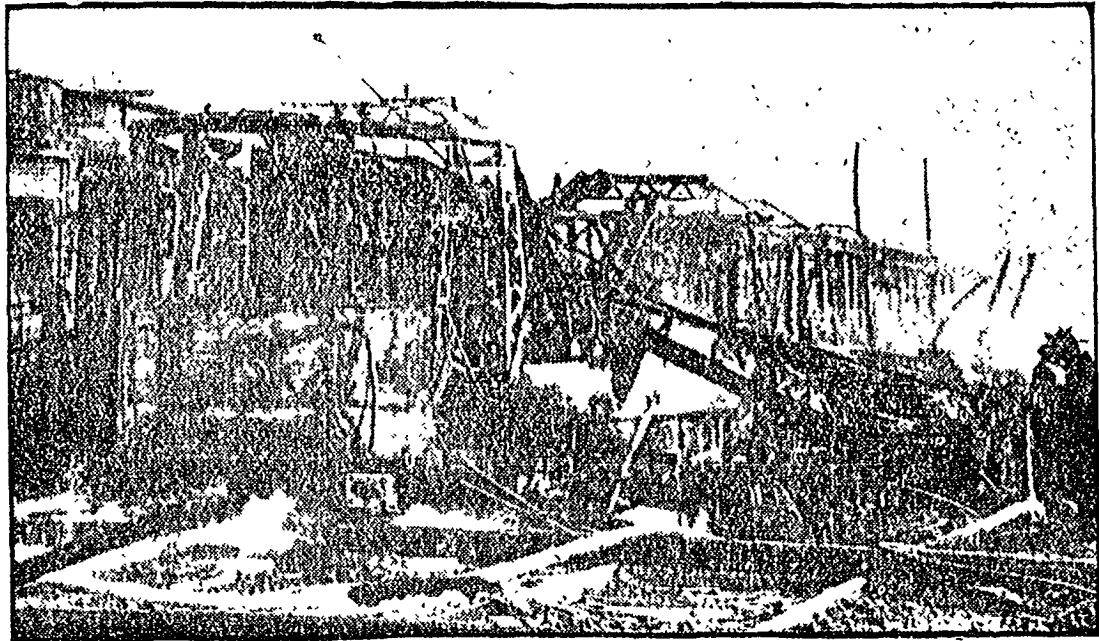


RUINS OF 40 ELECTRIC CARS BURNED YESTERDAY AT NEPONSET



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High Wind Places Whole
District in Danger

Forty Cars Destroyed in
Early Morning Blaze

The Neponset car barn of the Boston Elevated Railway, together with 40 electric cars of all types, were completely destroyed by fire early yesterday morning. The loss was estimated at about \$650,000.

The fire, which is believed to have been caused by spontaneous combustion, spread rapidly and though three alarms were sounded, calling apparatus from some distances, the flames had gained such headway that it was impossible for the firemen to save the building. For a time it appeared that the entire Neponset District was in peril, owing to the high southwest wind which spread

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sparks and flames. The wind veered to the southeast half an hour after the fire started, however, and the sparks and embers were thus blown out on the marshes.

The fire was discovered at 5:15 by Percy Joy, night foreman at the barns. He immediately sounded an alarm. The flames were discovered near the front of the building, which was 700 feet long by 375 feet wide, but they immediately leaped to the rear of the structure, which was soon a blazing furnace.

Families living in the houses at 175 and 177 Neponset av were roused by policeman Frederick Wright. Nine people living in these houses were thus obliged to seek shelter elsewhere. They included Mr and Mrs James Glavin and their children, Margaret and Joseph; Mrs Margaret Murphy, Mr and Mrs Daniel Halloran, Miss Agnes Brickley and D. D. Rowe. The waiting room and two restaurants, one belonging to John Callis, were badly damaged.

The greatest credit was given the firemen for their splendid work in fighting the fire. They worked under great difficulty because of the deep snow and intense cold and they had to plow through mountainous snow drifts in order to reach the scene. Then they found some of the hydrants buried in drifts of snow and were obliged to dig them out before they could get streams of water on the blazing building. Engine 20, a horse-drawn vehicle, got stuck in the snow drifts on the way to the fire and Engine 46 was the first to arrive. Chief Walsh appeared in person with the sounding of the third alarm and took charge of the situation.

There was in the barn a safe, which contained money, records and other papers belonging to the company. These are believed to be safe, as the walls of the building collapsed and buried the safe beneath the ruins. It was declared by witnesses to be the most spectacular blaze ever seen in that district.

QUEBEC CAR SHEDS ARE BURNED—LOSS \$300,000

QUEBEC, Feb 21—The car sheds of the Levis County Electrical Railway Service, housing most of the rolling stock of the company, were destroyed by fire today.

Only six cars are left. The loss is estimated at \$300,000.

FIRE DESTROYS TWO NEW HAVEN PASSENGER COACHES

FALL RIVER, Feb 21—Two passenger coaches operated on the Consolidated Line of the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad, between this city and Providence, were destroyed by fire this morning just west of the Toulisset station.

Nothing remains but the trucks and the twisted steel framework. The loss will reach several thousand dollars. A short circuit is believed to have been responsible for the starting of the fire.

The two cars, one a combination passenger and motor and the other a passenger coach, were part of a train which became derailed between 8 and 9 o'clock last night while the storm was at its height.

It is said that the trolley pole was left in contact with the feed wire, which resulted in a short circuit. The motors got afire during the night, and later the smoldering flames communicated with the woodwork of the combination coach.

MAVERICK-SQ BLAZE CAUSES \$500 DAMAGE

A lively blaze was discovered yesterday on the second floor of a three-story brick building at 12 Maverick square, East Boston. Chief O'Lalor's men, who answered the alarm from box 628, were able to confine the flames to the second and third stories of the building. The damage is estimated at \$500.

MOTHER AND BABY SAVED AT WORCESTER FIRE

WORCESTER, Feb 21—Twenty persons in bedroom attire fled to the snow-covered streets, and the police rescued a mother and baby at a fire here early today. The blaze was the second within 20 minutes in a brick block which was partly destroyed.

The first fire in the building, which is on Main st. in the downtown section, occurred in a bakery and was quickly extinguished. An overheated stove was the cause.

Neighbors told the police of a missing woman and infant and several patrolmen rushed through the smoke and flames to save them. They were carried from a room on an upper floor.