

BURIED UNDER FALLING ROOF

Ten Firemen Injured
at \$10,000 Blaze.

Bruised and Shaken, but All
Refuse to Go to Hospital.

Three Alarms for Fire at
164-170 Purchase St.

Ten firemen were buried under a falling roof and a damage of \$10,000 was sustained by the various firms occupying the building 164 to 170 Purchase st shortly before 10 o'clock last night, following the discovery of a fire on the top floor.

The injured were:

SENIOR DEPUTY CHIEF JOHN O. TABOR.

CAPT ALBERT J. CAUFIELD, Ladder 8.

EDWARD McDONOUGH, aid to chief of department.

LADDERMAN DANIEL CROWLEY, Ladder 8.

LADDERMAN THOMAS F. TWOMEY, Ladder 8.

LADDERMAN CHARLES J. GREELEY, Ladder 8.

LADDERMAN DANIEL W. BAKER, Ladder 8.

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LADDERMAN DANIEL MARTELL, Ladder 8.
LADDERMAN FRED B. SEITZ, Ladder 17.
HOSEMAN WILLIAM RYAN, Engine 44.

Besides the injuries sustained by the men buried, six members of the crew of Engine 39 were forced to drop their line of hose and flee for their lives twice, the first time from the roof, when the flames broke out around them, and the second time when the roof caved in.

None of the men injured were forced to go direct from the fire to the hospital, but nearly all of them were sent back to quarters to receive medical treatment for cuts and bruises. The men belonged to Ladder 8, with the exception of one member of Ladder 17, and Deputy Chief Tabor.

The building is of brick construction and of four stories, occupied on the first floor by the George H. Morrill Company, dealers in printers inks; and on the floors above by Laurence and Crosby, commercial photographers; the Hector Press, Von Dorn, electric drills; Pittsburg Pneumatic Company; J. O'Hearn, steam engineer; P. J. Donahue, plumber; and the Norton Door Check Company.

Alarms in Quick Succession.

The fire started on the top floor and when discovered by patrolman Seavey of the Court-sq station, was coming through the roof. He sounded the first alarm from Box 1292, at the corner of Atlantic av and Pearl st, in front of the building. Chief McDonough ordered second and third alarms within a few minutes after he arrived.

Members of the crew of Engine 39, which was among the first to arrive at the fire, carried up a line of hose on the Pearl-st side of the building and were at work through a skylight, when the shouts of the firemen and spectators that the fire was surrounding them caused them to drop their line and slide down the ladder to the street. They were not a minute too soon, for with a roar that could be heard for blocks, the flames shot from the building and all sides of the roof.

Streams from Water Towers 1 and 2, which were on Purchase and Pearl sts, and from wagon guns and streams from ladders, soon killed the flames, but not before they lighted up the entire section in a manner to bring thousands of persons to the scene.

As soon as the flames were extinguished enough to permit the firemen to enter the building, members of the crew of Ladder 8, who were working a second line from one of the engines, entered through a window to the top floor. Deputy Chief John O. Tabor and Capt Caulfield were in the lead. With these men was ladderman Sykes of Ladder 17, who was to do ax work for them.

Other lines had been taken up the stairs and through the windows on the floor below. The men of Engine 39 had taken up their original position on the roof, when, without the slightest warning to the men inside of the building, a big section of the roof caved in and buried the entire crowd.

Prompt Rescue Work.

The men on the roof felt a slight shock before the roof fell and dropped their line and dashed for the ladder. It was the cries of these men that attracted the attention of the men in the street, to the fact that something was wrong.

Within a minute, men appeared at the windows and cried for lights and ambulances, for at first it was believed that some were badly injured if not dead. The tools carried on the apparatus for wrecking work, were rushed into the building, but no sawing or chopping was necessary to get the men out.

For five minutes after the crash a steady stream of firemen were seen coming from the building supported by others. They were all shaken up and bruised, but all refused to go to the hospital. They were sent to the engine house at Fort Hill sq, a short distance away, and there treated by an ambulance surgeon.

The first man to be taken out was ladderman Seitz of Ladder 17, and then came William Ryan of Engine 44, detailed to Ladder 8, closely followed by others. Deputy Tabor, who only returned to work last Monday, after being injured about a month ago, stayed in the building, but it was said that he was badly shaken up.

The burning building was surrounded by buildings containing some of the

most inflammable contents, the big dye-stuff house of F. E. Atteaux, being next to it on the Purchase-st side, and it was to keep the flames from entering this building that the hardest fight was made. A slight water damage was caused to this firm.

The manner of handling the fire and confining it to practically the floor where it started, caused Commissioner Grady and others to congratulate Chief McDonough, as it appeared at first, as if the entire block, with the tons of explosives and inflammables stored there, would be a prey to the flames.

CAR BURNS IN B. & M. YARD.

Charlestown Firemen Unable to Reach It With Hose—Loss Estimated at \$2000.

A large combination mail and passenger car in Yard 1 of the Boston & Maine Railroad, was burned to the steel trucks shortly before 8 last night, causing a damage of practically \$2000.

The combination car was standing on the tracks with other passenger cars near the old Miller River, in a place which railroad men believed to be in part of the city proper, while the firemen and police of Charlestown declared it to be a part of Cambridge.

An alarm was sounded from box 481 in Charlestown for the fire, but as the car was a great distance from the hydrants and could not be reached without coupling the lines of hose and carrying it across a large field of tracks, the work of putting out the fire was left to the members of Fireboat 31, which had two streams on the burning car.

FIRE CAUSES \$2000 LOSS.

Sparks From Furnace in Cellar Fall Into Shingles and Start Blaze at Brookline.

Sparks from a furnace ignited some old shingles in the cellar of a frame stable, used as a private garage, in the rear of 60 Powell st, Brookline, late yesterday afternoon. The firemen responded to an alarm from box 48. The damage amounted to \$2000. The building is owned and used by Isam Mitchell.