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FIGHTING QUINCY MARKET FIRE FROM NORTH MARKET ST SIDE.

Trapped in Dense Smoke Of Cock Loft But All Will Live, Hospital Reports

Blaze Confined to Upper Floors —Loss \$150,000—Thousands See Spectacular Fight

Nearly a score of firemen were overcome by smoke or cut by flying glass, and damage estimated at \$125,-000 was caused by a fire that was discovered about 6:30 last night in the "cock loft" of Quincy Hall, in the upper part of the old Faneuil Hall Market, popularly known as Quincy Market. Four alarms called a great array of apparatus.

The fire was confined to the loft and the roof. No damage from fiames was done below the second floor, and in the opinion of Supt of Markets Patrick H. Graham, who was at the scene with Mayor Curley, the owners of the 50-odd stalls that occupy the first floor would be able to transact business with little inconvenience today.

This market is one of the landmarks of Boston and has been standing for 99 years. It is of brick construction outside. A few years ago a disastrous fire occurred there.

Men Caught Under Roof.

It is supposed the flames started in the extreme east end, at Commercial st. No cause could be ascribed, but in the opinion of officials it had been smoldering for some time before discovered. Despite the tons of water poured into the loft the flames worked -a.ong to the rotunda which divides the building in half. There it was held.

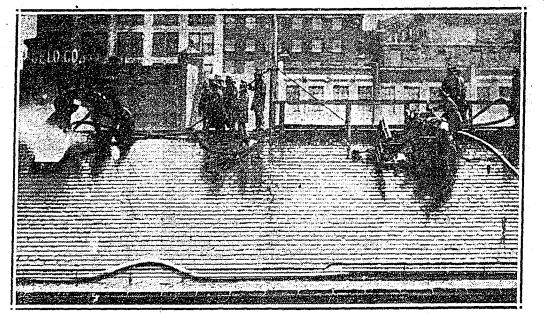
But the work of the firemen became more dangerous when flames burst through the roof at several points, trapping groups of firemen. Thousands gathered at the scene and North and South Market sts and Commercial st were soon jammed with spectators. Police reserves arrived from all the downtown stations and later Fire Commissioner Glynn complimented Sergt Casey of Hanover st for his handling of the situation at the outbreak.

Flames Burst Through When the fire was first seen it was coming through the roof about mid-

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## SCENE AT EARLY STAGE OF QUINCY MARKET FIRE BEFORE ROOF BURNE



Masses of flame ripped through parts of this roof later, and fire fighters under it quickly collapsed in the dense clouds

# AT QUINCY MARKET

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way along the easterly end of the building. Deputy Chief. Shallow, who responded on the first alarm, soon ordered a second and on the arrival of Chief Sennott a third and a fourth were sounded. alarm

Ladders were placed against the building on both the North and South Market st sides and an attempt was made to check the fire from this point. The slanting slate roof made this slow work. In the meantime firemen penetrated into the loft from both ends to sight the flames at close quarters. The interior was filled to suffocation with thick smoke and soon the first interior was solved and soon the first

with thick smoke and soon the first victim collapsed. He was taken to the Relief Hospital. Within half an hour others overcome by smoke and in-jured in other ways brought the list to nearly a score before sufficient ven-tilation could be obtained for the men to work effectively in the building.

### Chased by Tongues of Fire Toward the finish the fire was

spectoward the mush the net was spec-tacular. At one time billows of flame shot through the roof at the Commer-cial-st end in two places. Members of Engine 30, Engine 7 and Ladder 18 were Engine 30, Engine 7 and Ladder 18 were at work on the roof when this hap-pened. On orders shouted by Chief Sennoit the men worked their way down the sianting roof to ladders. They were almost caught by the tongues of fame suddenly hursting out. While the fire was at its height Wil-liam 6, Joyce, a produce merchant with an office on the second floor of the building on the Commercial-st end, ob-tained permission from Chief Sennoit to go in and secure a box containing cash, bonds and other valuables. He reached his office by the stairs, but found his escape cut off. He went to the window and, assisted by firemen, slid the box containing the valuables down the sloping in roof to a fireman on a ladder. Thofsands witnessed this feat. Police Inspectors Crawford and Cavagnaro escorted Joyce to his home. Mayor Curley's View

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The firemen overcome by smoke were given first-aid treatment at the scene by Drs Francis J. Nash and Paul R. Donovan, who volunteered their serv-

Donovan, who rotanized ices. Mayor Curley arrived after the fire had been burning about an hour. He said he thought it useless to attempt repairs on the roof because of the many holes caused by the flames and the work of the firemen in making

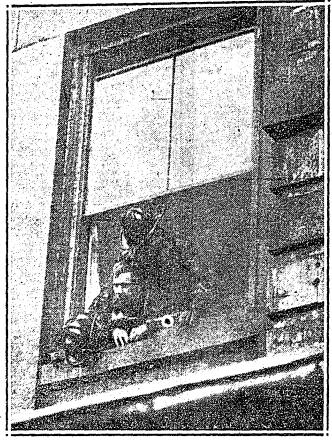
many holes caused by the flames and the work of the firemen in making entrances for streams. The first floor is occupied by stalls of produce, meat and fish merchants. The second floor is occupied by the Boston Fruit and Produce Exchange, Ningman & Hearty, Inc, fruit brokers, the W. A. Drost Company and the William G. Joyce Company. Mr Gra-ham's offices on the second floor were damaged only by smoke and water. This was true of practically all the establishments on the second floor, and only in a few places, and then not seriously, did the flames penetrate.

#### All Expected to Recover

All Expected to Recover At a late hour last night it was stated that all the men kept at the hospital will undoubtedly recover. As soon as the men were revived at the hospital all wanted to return to work at the life. Even hoseman Fla-herty, whose name was put on the dan-gerous list, insisted he was in condition to return. Dr John Breslin, superin-tendent of the Relief Hospital, allowed five men to leave, but it was not until the arrival of Commissioner Glynn that he was able to impress on the others the necessity of remaining. The erection of Faneuli Hall Market, was one of the great enterprises due to popularly was one of the great enterprises

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17 FIREMEN INJURED |FIREMAN GIVING FIRST AID TO HIS COMRADE OVERCOME



Quick relief work by fellow fire flighters as well as the physicians saved many lives at Quincy Market

the energy and foresight of Josiah building was opened for business two Quincy. Built at a cost of \$150,000, it years later. The lower floor has always been used for market stalls, but the upper floor, now divided into store-rooms and small compariments and new streets, were made in the district a century ago. Erection was started in 1824 and the of land.

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