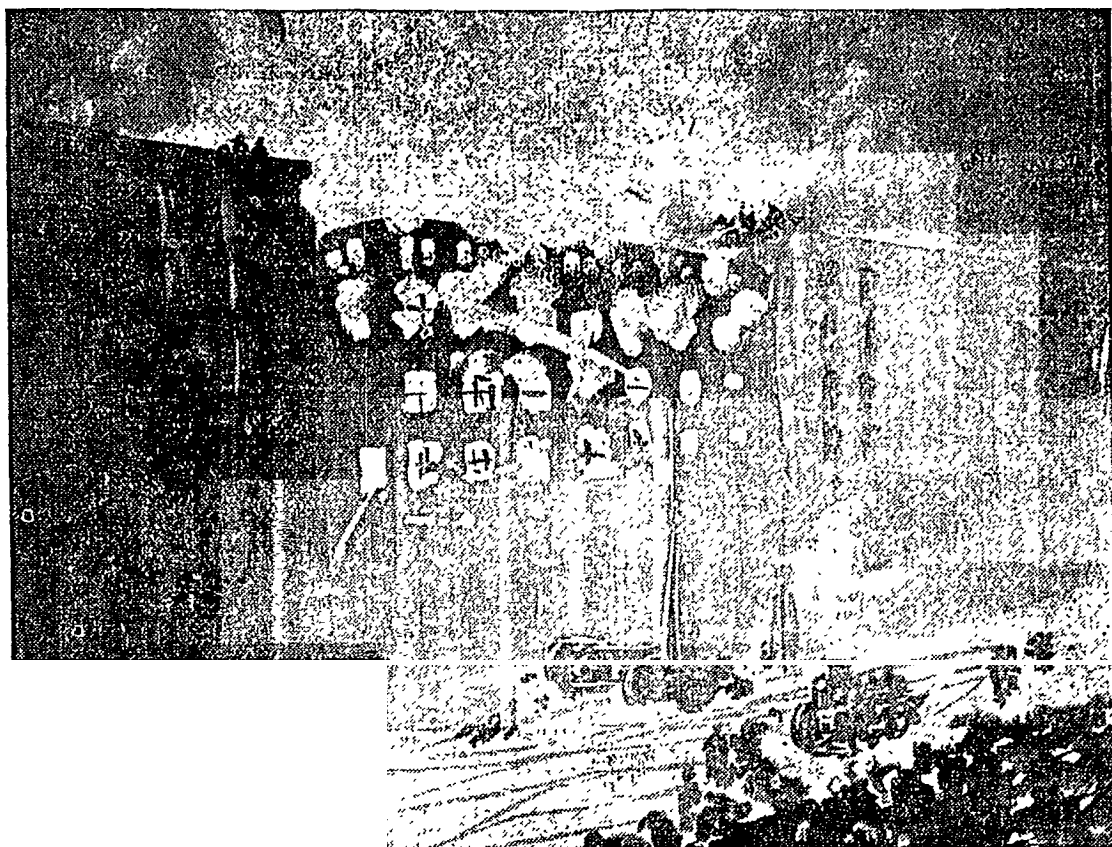


FIVE MEN ARE INJURED AT \$125,000 SUMMER-ST FIRE

New England Building Guttled, But Firemen Save Valuable Structures on Either Side.



SCENE AT SUMMER-ST FIRE LAST EVENING.

Five Alarms--Deputy Chief's Chauffeur And a Driver Hurt in Collision.

Several firemen were injured and a property loss of fully \$125,000 resulted at a spectacular fire in the New England building, 200 Summer st, at 7:10 last evening, causing a complete damage by fire of the three upper stories and a ruinous water damage to the two floors and basement below.

Inside of 17 minutes after the sounding of the first alarm the fire department responded to five alarms, calling to the scene nearly the full fighting strength of the department.

Twice during the early night the flames communicated with the Hathaway building to the west and the Dana Estes building to the east, but the well directed streams from the apparatus on Summer st soon extinguished the fires, leaving the department to concentrate its full attention to the New England building.

In the midst of the excitement and when the flames were shooting through the windows of the three upper stories the cry was raised that an entire fire company had been trapped inside the building and by way of confirming the report hospital ambulances dashed up to the entrance to the burning building.

With flaming torches the firemen dashed into the clouds of smoke and soon emerged with three of their comrades, Capt Jeremiah F. Gillen Jr and

Lient Michael J. Teehan, both of engine 7, and Cornelius Murphy of engines 38 and 39, who were borne to the street in their comrades' arms.

Both Gillen and Murphy were sent at once to Grace hospital, where it was found they were suffering from inhalation of smoke and contusions of the head and body received from falling floor timbers.

Medical Examiner Magrath was on the spot and after Teehan had been removed to the broad sidewalk of the South station across the street he looked his injuries over and suggested he be taken to the hospital for treatment.

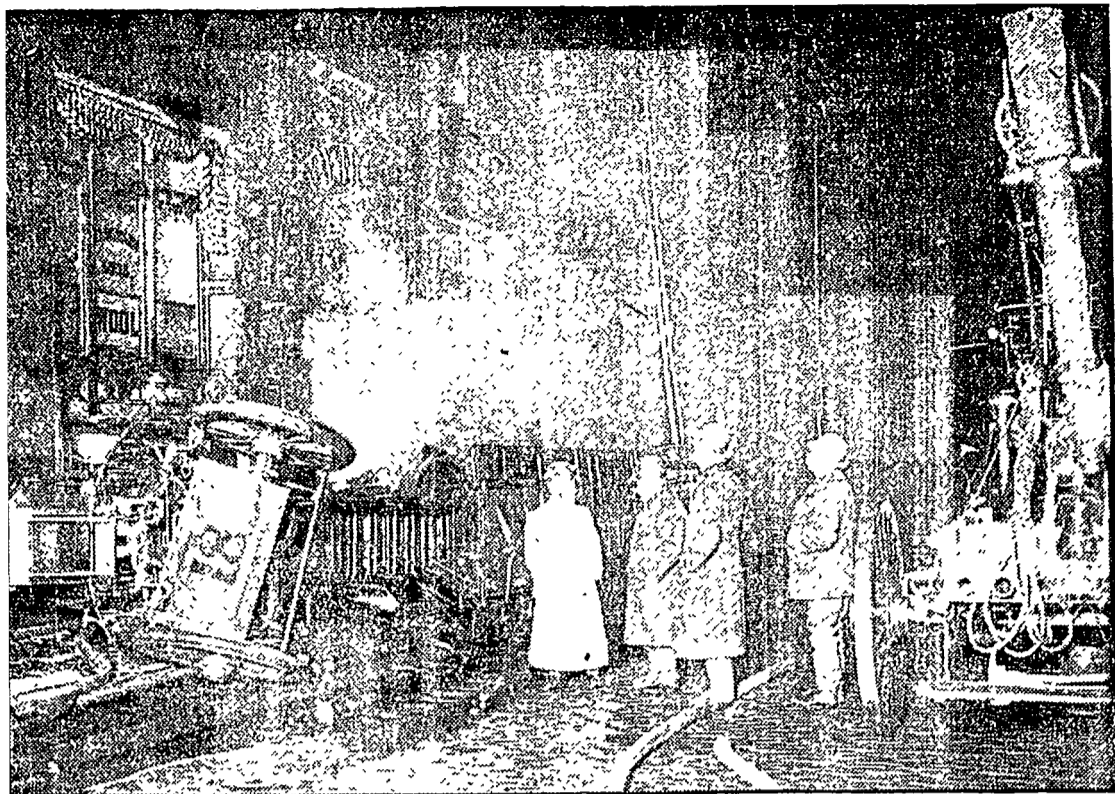
Chief's Driver Injured.

In a few minutes Teehan began to regain his strength and positively refused to be taken to the hospital, and with tottering gait returned to the fire zone and renewed his work as though nothing serious had happened. "He's a real fire fighter," remarked the medical examiner. When the fire

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TOWER STREAM AT SUMMER-ST FIRE.



AERIAL LADDER 18 AFTER BEING CAPSIZED BY STREAM FROM WATER TOWER AT SUMMER-ST FIRE.

FIREMEN HURT,

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was about over Techan went to Grace hospital for treatment.

A fireman from East Boston named Sennot was said to have been caught in the building, but this was not confirmed by his associates.

While not directly connected with the fire yet forming an exciting incident of it was the crash between Deputy Chief McDonough's automobile and the hose wagon of engine 23, at the corner of Summer st and Atlantic av, resulting in injuries to chauffeur P. W. Devery of the chief's automobile, whose left shoulder was badly injured. Charles Lane, the driver of the hose wagon, was injured and taken to his home. One of the horses on the hose wagon was hurt.

The hose wagon was reeling off the hose when the automobile came along and eye witnesses say the crash was unavoidable.

Another spectacular incident connected with the fire was the collapse of aerial ladder 18. The ladder was cast out to the fifth floor and the firemen were getting ready to run a line of hose up when they discovered the top of the ladder had caught fire. They moved the ladder slightly to the eastward and at that instant a big stream from the water tower struck the top of the ladder. It swayed to the right and came down with a crash on the Summer-st sidewalk. It blocked the entrance to the burning building until cleared by the firemen.

When the ladder fell police and firemen rushed to the scene, feeling that several firemen were injured and dozens of citizens dashed through the fire lines to the spot to render assistance if needed.

Spectators Cheer Firemen.

Fortunately the ladder fell before the firemen had mounted it. Commissioner Parker inquired minutely into the cause of the accident, as both himself and Chief Mullen were very much interested in the work being accomplished with that and the other ladder trucks scattered about the fire.

Several times during the evening when the flames came from the windows on the fifth and sixth floors and firemen were sent up to bring a stream to play the spectators cheered. They

for the flames to work up through the entire building above the third floor.

The firemen went to work in a determined manner, chasing the flames from one end of the building to the other and on each of the floors and from the Hathaway and Estes buildings several streams were early brought to play on the fire.

The two fireboats were hauled up to the Congress-st bridge ready for action. The crews reported to Chief Mullen and were used to advantage in running out hose and fire fighting. The most conspicuous piece of apparatus was the hose wagon of engine 3, on which the new fixed nozzle was used. This stream of water was larger than four ordinary ones and was manipulated with ease by one fireman.

This huge pressure was directed into the hottest part of the fire and results were at all times quite apparent. Inside of an hour and a half the firemen and their superior officers felt that they had prevented the spread of the flames to the adjoining buildings and turned their attention to downing the fire.

Bothered by Another Alarm.

In the midst of the fight an alarm was sounded from box 23, which necessitated detaching several engines which were sent to Bowdoin sq to extinguish a slight fire.

The building has about 110 feet frontage on Summer st and runs back 50 feet to Tileston pl. The three lower stories of the building are not seriously damaged except by water while the upper part will be a total loss.

Chief Mullen estimated the loss to building and stock at \$150,000, but expert insurance and real estate men put it at \$25,000. The entire insurance on the building was placed by the John C. Paige company, one of the occupants having \$30,000 on his property.

There were present under the direction of deputy Supt Caine 300 policemen and their superior officers who did their work well.

The last time a five-alarm fire broke out was on July 3, 1908, 20 months ago in East Boston, when the docks of the Cunard and other lines were destroyed in the afternoon.

After Chief Mullen had reduced the fire to a smoldering mass he got his men to work on the disabled ladder truck 18 and with several ropes attached the truck was turned over on its wheels.

The all-out was sounded at 12:15. Owing to the fact that so many firms were engaged in the wool business and that the wool storehouse known as

C. F. Rich & Co, woolens, waste, 194 Summer.

W. A. Blanchard, wool, 196 Summer.

Jackson & Co, wool, 196 Summer.

Frank Ridlon company, electrical apparatus, 200 Summer.

Direct shoe company, 200 Summer.

Dentson-Estabrook company, commission merchants, 200 Summer.

Commonwealth instrument company, 200 Summer.

Powdrell Bros & Co, 200 Summer.

Import and Export associates, 200 Summer.

Charles T. A. Rent, boots and shoes, 200 Summer.

E. Buxton & Son company, scrap iron and metals, 200 Summer.

Gem ventilator company, 200 Summer.

Carl Grubman, wool, 200 Summer.

E. Schneider, 200 Summer.

George H. Hayes, 200 Summer.

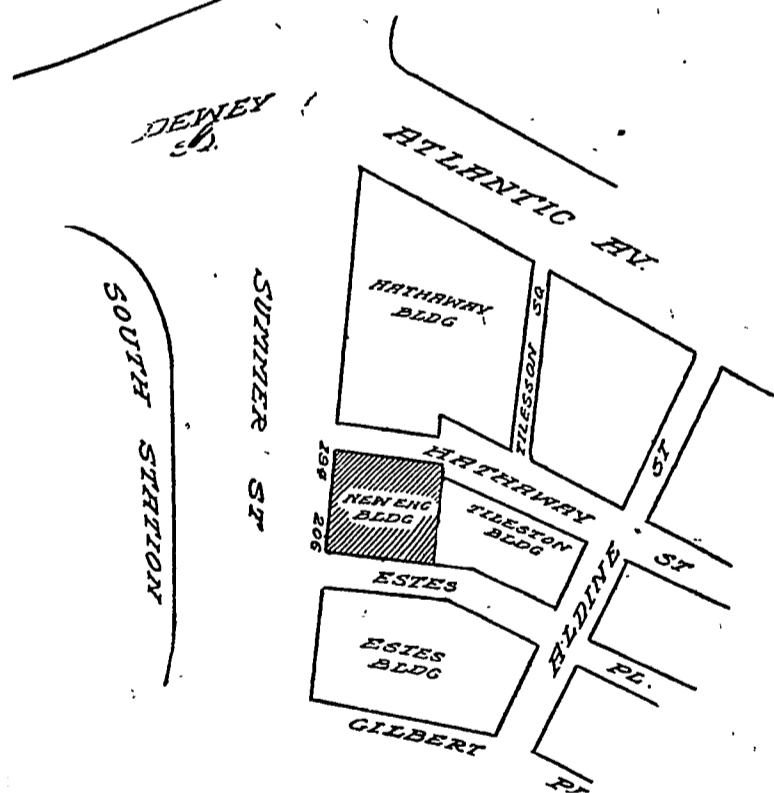
Ideal shoe company, 200 Summer.

William C. Jones, wool, 200 Summer.

Merrill & Baker, 200 Summer.

"It was a disastrous fire for my concern," said L. C. Page early this morning. "Our loss alone is very likely as great as \$100,000, but we are covered by insurance."

"We are depending upon our fireproof vaults. If they fail us our loss will be almost irreparable. In four vaults we have invaluable contracts, manuscripts and copyrights."



SHADED SECTION SHOWS LOCATION OF SUMMER-ST BUILDING GUTTED BY FIRE.

gazed on the work of the firemen with evident admiration, for not for many years has the public been able to get so close to such a spectacular blaze without hindering the work of the fire department.

The fire was discovered by night watchman Swan of the New England building, who rang in the first alarm from box 48 at 7:10. On the arrival of the firemen the district chief ordered the sounding of the second alarm five minutes later and at five-minute intervals the third and fourth were rung in and finally the fifth at 7:27.

The building is made of brick, with granite trimmings, is six stories and has offices. It was formerly used as the base building of the old New York & New England Railroad Co and is now the property of the Frances Hathaway estate and is insured for \$95,000.

Night watchman Swan was making the rounds of the building and found the fire in the third floor occupied by the Boston rubber company. The flames then covered the entire floor space and were eating up through the timbers to the fourth, fifth and sixth floors.

As the building was not of modern fireproof construction much soft wood was used in the construction of offices and partitions and it ignited and burned up like tinder.

Fire Jumps to Other Buildings.

Inside of 15 minutes, despite the efforts of the firemen, the third and fourth floors were a mass of flames, which poured from the windows and leaped to the Hathaway building to the west and Estes building to the east, both buildings being connected with the New England structure by bridges and fire escapes.

The building fronts on Summer st. The firemen worked on the fire from Hathaway place on the west, Estes place on the east and Tileston sq to the north, giving the firemen a chance to surround the building and bring into play 30 streams at one time.

The water tower was drawn up on Summer st and when the red lantern was seen to gleam in the clouds of smoke the crowd cheered and renewed the demonstration as the huge stream was brought to play on the most active portion of the fire.

It required but a short space of time

the Tileston building was in the rear of the burned structure, the firemen had grave misgivings as to their ability to subdue the fire without a tremendous effort, had it spread to the rear.

Perhaps the largest loss aside from that suffered by the owner of the building was that of L. C. Page & Co, publishers, who were located on the top floor of the burned building. They lost valuable plates and material as well as precious manuscripts.

Occupants of Building.

Following is a list of the occupants of the building:

Charles A. Stevens, wool, 200 Summer.

Fred P. Cole, worsted yarn, 200 Summer.

G. Fred Wilde Jr, wool, 184 Summer.

Henry I. Hall, agent E. Schneider & Co, 184 Summer.

Elmer H. King, worsted yarns, 200 Summer.

Daniel S. Pratt, wool, 200 Summer.

Joseph H. Wheelock & Co, wool, 200 Summer.

John L. Gleason & Co, electrical contractors, 200 Summer.

Schwarzchild & Sulzberger company, wool, pickled skins, 200 Summer.

Warren W. Scott, electrical contractor, 200 Summer.

Findley Gardener & Co, wool merchants, 200 Summer.

Edward L. Marsh & Co, woolens, 200 Summer.

Frank Dupee, wool broker, 200 Summer.

R. E. Smith Jr, wool, 200 Summer.

The Barney-Vinal company, wool, 200 Summer.

United electric apparatus company, A. A. Ziegler manager, 200 Summer.

Fortuna machine company, skiving machines, 184 Summer.

Timothy Remick & Co, cotton and wool, 200 Summer.

Wright Bros, wool, 200 Summer.

John W. West & Co, cotton thread and yarn, 200 Summer.

L. C. Page & Co, Inc, publishers, 200 Summer.

R. H. Hinkley company, publishers, 200 Summer.

Eisemann Bros, wool, 200 Summer.

Mercantile cooperative company, E. V. Collins manager, 200 Summer.

Pickard & Dooner, wool, 200 Summer.

James H. Paton, wool, 200 Summer.

H. & P. P. Simonds, wool, 200 Summer.

Henderson & Co, wool, 204 Summer.