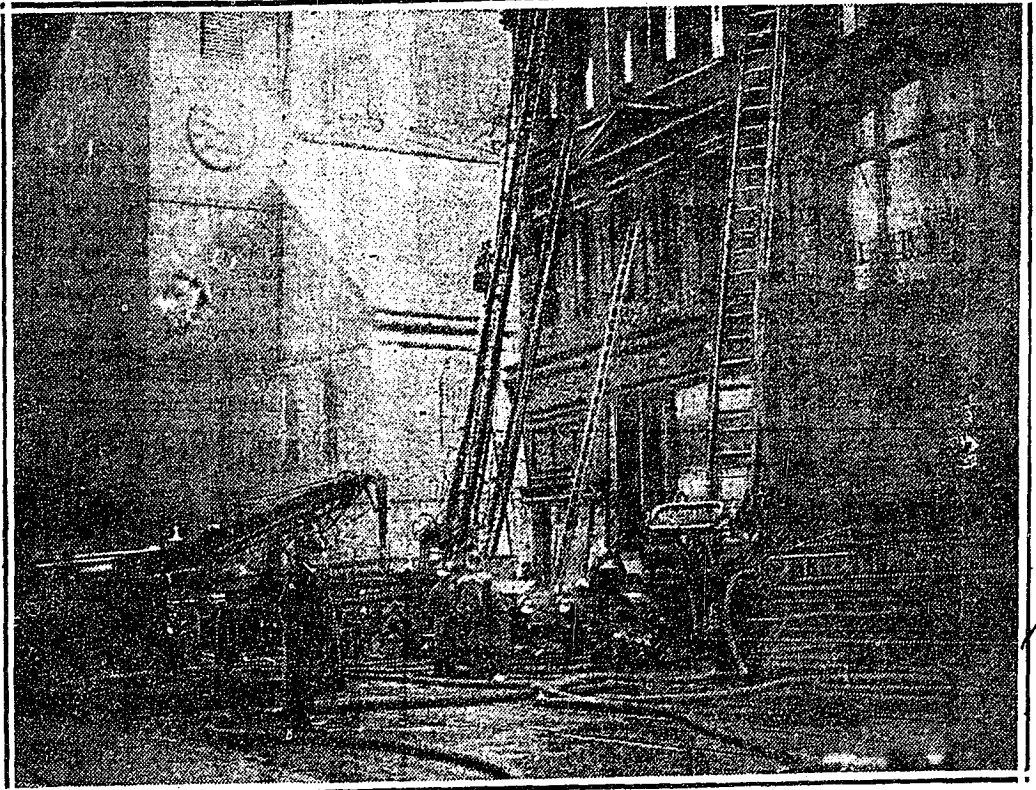


FOUR-ALARM FIRE DOWNTOWN CAUSES \$120,000 DAMAGE

Sweeps Through Second Floor of Transcript Building, Causing Heavy Loss to Tailoring Company



VIEW OF FRONT OF TRANSCRIPT BUILDING SHOWING FIRE FIGHTING APPARATUS IN ACTION.

Fire of undetermined origin swept through the second floor of the Transcript Building, 222-224-228 Washington st and 7-9-11 Milk st, shortly after 9 o'clock yesterday morning, and for a time threatened destruction to the newspaper plant and to the property of other business concerns in the building. The damage was estimated at \$120,000. The fire temporarily crippled the telegraph and telephone service of the Boston Transcript.

A few minutes after 9 o'clock a newsboy selling papers on the opposite corner of Milk and Washington sts noticed smoke coming from windows on the second floor in the rear. Immediately he ran to the nearest box and attempted to sound box 1272. David Wilson, a night dispatcher of the Hotel & Railroad News, saw that the boy had not really sounded the alarm. Wilson ran to the signal and sent the call through at 9:07.

The flames were confined to the second floor, occupied by F. L. Dunne & Co, importers and tailors. The cloth and other woolen material burning sent off dense smoke which filled every portion of the building.

Less than eight minutes later the second alarm was skipped and the third was sounded, this being followed by the fourth at 9:19. Extension ladders were put into use and hose were carried into all parts of

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the building, with the result that the firemen had the fire out in less than an hour and a half.

Cartridges Explode

While flames were shooting from a window in the Dunne establishment, on the southwestern corner of the Washington-st side, a number of minor explosions were heard. Investigation showed that a number of rifles, Spanish War relics, and belts of cartridges had been burned. The bullets had exploded.

After discovery of the fire, department heads and owners of the Boston Transcript were notified and hurried to the scene. Damage to the newspaper plant was by smoke and water. Water got into the pressroom, in the basement, but not enough to seriously damage the big presses. The advertising and subscriptions departments suffered more, for the water poured over mailing lists and other valuable matter. The office employes, who quickly responded to calls, were able to gather all of the documents up and salvage them.

In the rear of the building there is a large open shaft reaching from the basement to the fifth floor and in it are all of the telephones, telegraph and Associated Press wires to the newspaper. These were put out of commission temporarily. Western Union men, telephone workers and wiremen from the A. P. had the lines working again early last evening. Mr Young, master

mechanic of the paper, supervised the repairing.

Damage in Transcript Offices

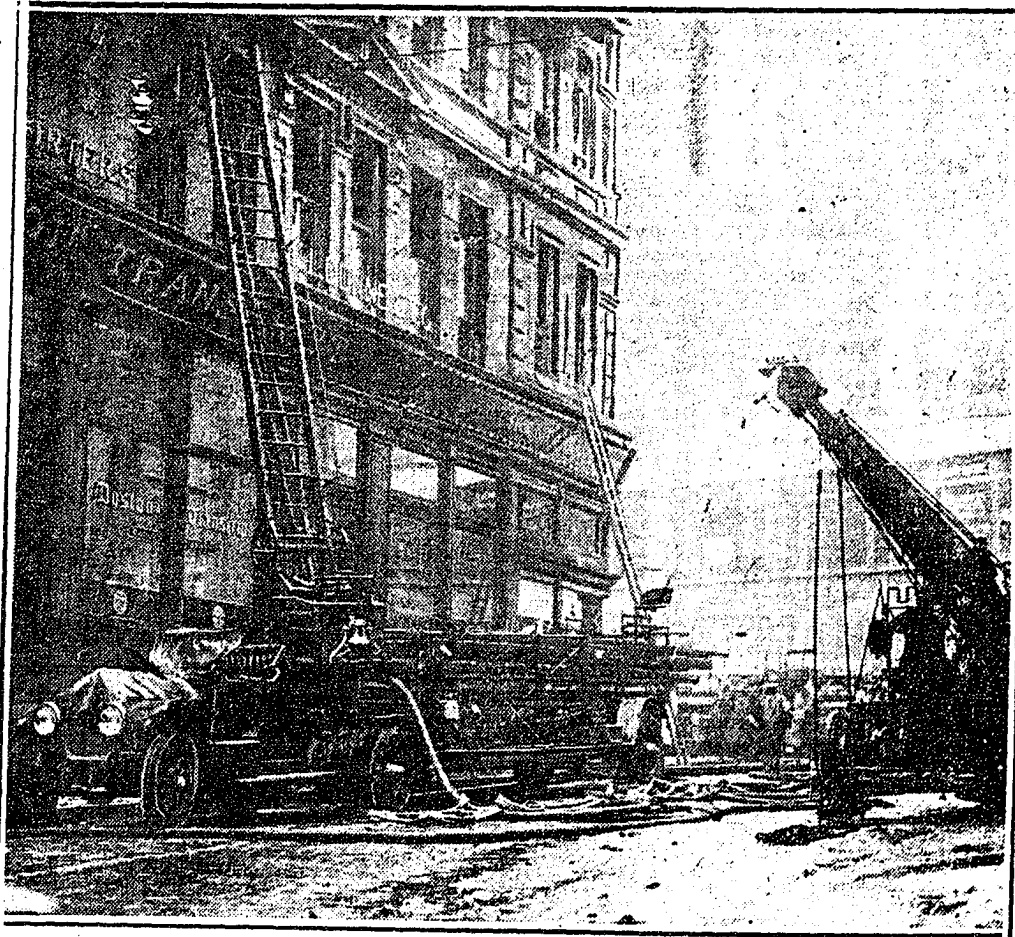
The three upper floors of the structure are occupied by the Boston Transcript for its editorial, stereotyping and composing departments. Windows, doors and the ceilings were damaged somewhat owing to the necessity of breaking and cutting. One linotype machine was nearly covered with debris, while another was badly affected by water.

Members of the Boston Protective Department covered up the presses and documents in the newspaper offices, and the goods of the Regal Shoe Company at Milk and Washington sts, and in the jewelry store of Charles W. Johnson at 11 Milk st.

Asst Chief Henry A. Fox took charge of fighting the fire. Fire Commissioner Theodore A. Glynn was also on hand. They estimated that the damage to the building by fire, smoke and water combined with the damages to the shoe and jewelry stores and the newspaper would reach about \$20,000, while an official of the F. L. Dunne & Company, stated that the firm's loss would reach about \$100,000.

In November of 1872 a building on this site was destroyed in the big Boston Fire. It was rebuilt, and about a year ago suffered somewhat from another fire.

EXTENSION LADDERS AND HOSE IN ACTION AT FOUR-ALARM FIRE



TRANSCRIPT BUILDING, VIEW TAKEN FROM MILK-ST SIDE.