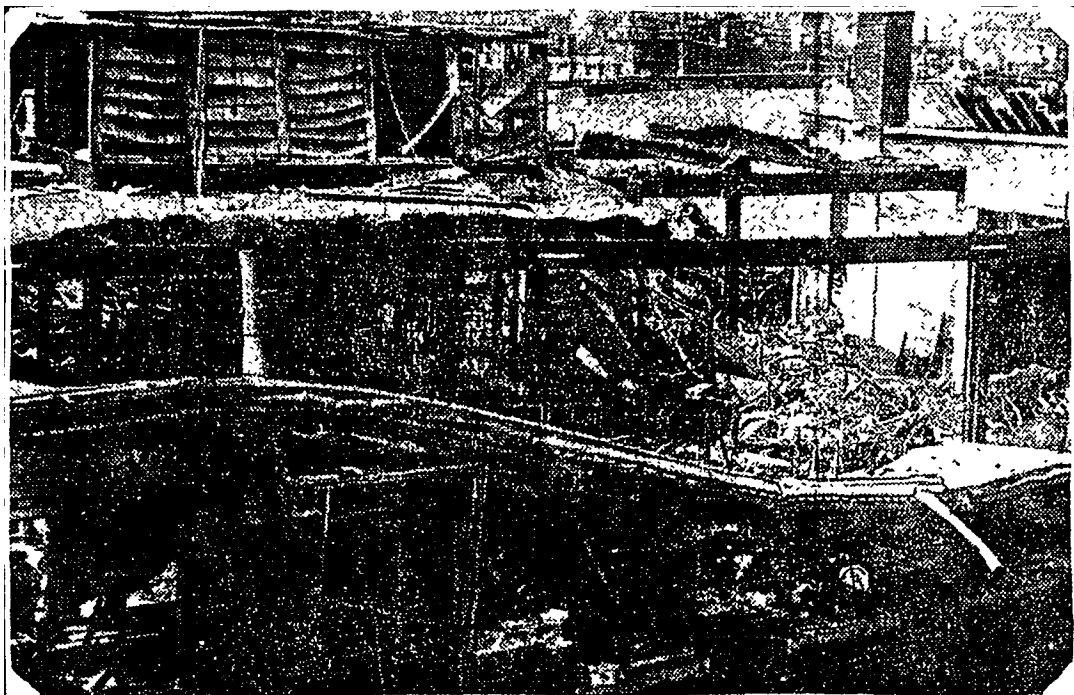


# ELEVEN HURT, 140 HORSES SAVED, AT WEST END FIRE

## Three Alarms For \$40,000 Blaze in Stables At Pitts and South Margin Sts—Blind Man Rescued by Police Sergeant



COSMOPOLITAN STABLES IN WEST END AFTER THE THREE-ALARM FIRE SUNDAY MORNING.

Fire of unascertained origin, during the progress of which 11 firemen and patrolmen were injured, caused a great uproar in the Italian quarter of the West End shortly after 3 o'clock yesterday morning and necessitated the sounding of three alarms.

The fire was in the Cosmopolitan stables, at the corner of Pitts and South Margin sts, a four-story brick building. It started in the hayloft in the rear of the fourth floor. When discovered by some young men who were standing on South Margin st, the entire fourth floor was a mass of flames.

Antonio Franchini, one of the group, ran to Norman st and rang in an alarm from box 1336. On arrival of the apparatus, Capt James E. Powers of Engine 4, acting district chief, ordered a second alarm sounded.

Dense smoke, together with the intense heat and the narrowness of the streets handicapped the firemen considerably and on the arrival of the second-alarm apparatus Deputy Chief Edward J. Shallow sounded a third alarm.

### Rescue 140 Horses

Streams were played on the burning building from adjoining roofs and some of the firemen, patrolmen and citizens devoted their efforts to rescuing about 140 of the 180 horses quartered in the stables. These horses were in stalls on the second and third floors. While leading the animals to the street the following were injured: Thomas A. Dean, Joseph Coogan, M. Donovan, Capt John McDonough, Harry Galvin, Harry Feinberg and James Daly, all firemen, and Lawrence Oliver and Bernard Jamieson, patrolmen of Division 3. Each sustained slight injuries except Dean, who suffered a badly sprained back. He was removed to the Haymarket Relief Hospital by comrades.

Lieut William Thompson of Engine 27 and Supt E. M. Byington of the maintenance branch of the Fire Department were bruised about their bodies and arms when showered with bricks which covered South Margin st when the upper wall of the building fell. When the section of the wall fell several windows on South Margin st were broken by the flying debris.

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When the second alarm was sounded Lieut Anderson of the Joy-st Station sent a detail of officers under the command of Sergt William Livingston to the scene. As soon as the police reached the fire some of them established lines while the others, together with Sergt Livingston, ran through the tenement houses adjacent to the stables and gave the alarm to occupants. In many cases the tenants were already awake when the officers arrived and some had all their valuables packed and were moving them out of the tenements.

## Blind Man Carried Out

At 16 South Margin st. Sergt Livingston found Robert Conway, a blind man, an occupant of a tenement on the third floor, trying to grope his way about his smoke-filled home. The sergeant carried the blind man through the narrow, dark, unlighted hallways to the street, where neighbors relieved him of his charge and took Conway to shelter.

After fully 15 minutes of hard work

the firemen, under direction of Chief Labe, got the flames under control.

Then the roof fell, causing the upper wall of the building on the South Margin-st side to collapse.

The fire was finally extinguished at 6:35, after more than three hours of stubborn fighting, the estimated loss being \$40,000.

After the fire was out officers made an examination of the building, but were unable to ascertain the origin of the blaze. As several of the nearby residents claimed they smelled smoke all Saturday afternoon and evening, it is believed that some one went to sleep in the hayloft Saturday afternoon, and that the fire probably started from the careless use of a cigarette or hot tobacco ashes.

During the height of the fire S. Vitello, owner and an occupant of 16 South Margin st, a veteran of one of the world-famous Italian regiments that participated in the Italian wars in South Africa, rushed back into his tenement and saved his old campaign hat, which he wore during his army days, together with a bagful of personal effects.