

ALBANY ST. FIRE

Lumber District Blaze Destroys Twenty Buildings---Loss \$500,000.

Flames Threaten Big Residential Section---Call for Help From Suburbs Meets With Prompt Response.



Five Men Hurlled Into Burning Debris Rescued By Comrades--- Fire Headquarters Saved By Use of Water Curtain.

A fire, which broke out at the city and the lumber district of the South End shortly after 6 last evening, devastated the entire water front of the South End from Dover to the point, almost opposite the Randolph at the corner of the city hall, and the street and side buildings constructed of wood and brick as if they were so much tinder, and caused a property loss of about \$500,000.

It was a most spectacular fire and caused a scare such as Boston has not suffered in a generation. When, however, the conflagration had been properly checked, some three hours after its discovery, it was evident that there was no alarm felt because of the great volume of smoke and flames shooting high into the air than because of the actual property loss that was sustained.

The flames spread with such rapidity that Deputy Chief Gray, who in charge of the fire department of the city during the absence of Chief Thomas, was obliged to call for the Oaset, ordered second and third alarms sounded almost without intermission, and while the flames literally

INJURED FIREMEN. EPITOME OF ALBANY-ST FIRE.

Twenty buildings destroyed or damaged. Estimated loss about \$500,000. Fire started probably in drying room of Blacker & Shepard lumber company. Cause, probably spontaneous combustion. First alarm from box 58 at 6:17 p. m. Sixth, or general alarm, at 6:30. First general alarm in Boston in 14 years. Fire considered under control at 10 p. m. Assistance rendered by all cities and towns in Metropolitan district. Sixty pieces of Boston apparatus employed. About 400 feet of wharf frontage burned. About three acres burned over. Seven families made homeless. Twelve firemen injured or overcome by smoke. Eight other alarms, Albany-st fire, sounded during progress of Albany-st fire.

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ALL GREATER BOSTON JOINS IN FIGHTING MOST DESPERATE BLAZE IN 14 YEARS---SOUTH END THREATENED WITH DESTRUCTION

TENANTS FLEEING FROM THEIR HOMES IN ALBANY ST WHEN FIRE WAS AT ITS HEIGHT



OWNERS AND THE DAMAGES WOMEN SAVED FROM FLAMES

Fire Department Loss Is Heavy. Blacker & Shepard Suffers to extent of \$200,000. Water Curtain Valuable to Reed Block. Many Families Driven Out--Children Lost.

WARPED OUT OF DANGER

Schomer Peter Andrews, Tied Up at Blacker & Shepard's Mill, Said by Ward Work.

Although several hundred homes were saved, the Blacker & Shepard company's wharf, only one was left standing. The fire broke out at night. By quick and difficult work, directed by the captain of the team, and aided, suffering only a slight loss.

The vessel was the schooner Peter Andrews, of New Bedford, Capt. C. P. Andrews, master. The schooner was bound for New Bedford, and was in the harbor at the time of the fire. The vessel was damaged, but was not lost.

CALL THE LOSS \$200,000. See More Boys Blacker & Shepard Company Will Resume at Once-- Came From Plymouth in Auto.

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