WEDNESDAY MORNING. JANUARY 11, 1893.

Four Buildings Burned---Reporter Killed and Many Firemen Injured. AS IT RAGED ON FEDERAL ST. Another attack was made on Boston's | front and tower roof, 175 to 179 Summer wool and leather district by fire yesterday, st., called the Preston building, occupied by

LOSS TWO MILLIONS.

which, raging during almost the entire day, | G. H. Goodhue & Co., wool deafers, and destroyed four substantial buildings, consumed and ruined the valuable merchandise packed in the many storehouses and warerooms, and caused a total property loss of fully \$2,000,009. Two large structures on Summer st. and two on Federal st., all occupied by some of Oriental Tea and Coffee Company, who the largest wholesale dealers, and heavily stocked with wool and leather, were consumed by the flames and nothing remains of them save the bare, insecure frames, Not one cent of property in the buildings where the flames once obtained a grip was

saved. In several structures untouched by the fire merchandise was heavily damaged These are the buildings which the flames, | Sons, confectioners; B. F. Thompson and undetermined, destroyed: st., owned by Hecht Brother's, wool dealers, and occupied by them as a storehouse, and by the Carrolton cafe and Christopher Car-

ven, liquor dealer.

eral st., owned by Hecht Brothers, and occuwool dealers, and in the basement by the loss and when seeking an authoritative New England market, George H. Stetson, person inside a building a sudden collapse re all shoe dealer, and Isaac Baxter, fruit. Six-story brok structure with granite beneath its ruins.

White Brothers, leather. Brick building, with iron frame front, known as the Constant building, 160 and 171 Summer st. occupied by Hall, Stetson & Co., the Corey Leather Company, C. B. Clark & Co., leather dealers, and the used p rt of the two upper floors for a store-Total loss describes the fate of everything within these buildings. In curbing the voracious flames it was necessary to direct streams upon adjacent buildings, which has occasioned a heavy water loss in the John I. Brown building,

187 to 201 Federal st., John I. Brown & the cause of the inception of which is yet | Frank Dupree, leather dealers; N. W. Rice & Co. and Dunn. Green & Co., both Four-story brick building isnown as old | leather dealers, at 12 and 14 South st., and Water Power building, 211 to 210 Federal | Phister, Vorel & Co., leather dealers, at 161 to 165 Sammer st. In a great fire no loss is half so appalling or so poignantly regretted as that of life. and especially that of the sacrifice of a noble life to duty. Joseph F. Barker, a Six-story brick building 207 to 211 Fedreporter for the Boston Transcript, was pied by them as a warehouse and also by J. vesterday's victim. Early on duty at the Koshland and Patterson Brothers, both fire he endeavored to obtain an idea of the

of a wall, it is supposed, buried him

Those injured were: District Chief Mullen of South Boston, caught-by a falling wall and slightly injured about the face and head. Capt. A. R. Johnson of ladder 1, right hand bruised. Capt. B. McCarthy of engine 12, struck by piece of falling pipe and left knee severely Lieut. Gaffey of engine 26, hands and face out by falling glass. Licut, John McManus of ladder 2, slightly out on head. Lieut, Gerrhauty of engine 26, hands and face slightly out by glass. Michael J. Mulligan, driver of engine 7. right leg hurt by being caught between two engines. Philip M. Sullivan of engine 8, overcome by smoke. F. M. O'Lalor of engine 15, struck by falling wires and badly burned about head and Frank C. Turner of ladder 15, both wrists sprained. Francis Fitzpatrick, jumped from third story window of Hecht building, sustaining severe injuries. John T. McNamara of engine 3, severe laceration of left wrist by being struck by falling slate; also left ankle sprained. Cornelius Hearn of engine 10, both feet frozen and taken to hospital in exhausted condition. Thomas Frazier of the fire boat, overcome by smoke. John J. Lally, employe of Hecht Brothers, badly bruised by the falling in of the roof of the building. George Wall of engine 15, cut over the eyes by part of falling wall. E. B. Swadkins, superintendent of the Hathaway estate on Atlantic av., struck by falling awning. William Hart of protective 2, blown from the White building and badly out. John Corrigan of engine 26, cut about the hands and face by glass. Philip Carrigan of engine 1 went down with the fulling wall, which nearly cost District Chief Mutlen his life, and was ug out with difficulty. Both legs crushed, face

It was a hard day for firemen, and the injuries were seemingly more than even should be expected at a conflagration of its

cut and other injuries sustained. Perley A. Stone, shoe manufacturer. thrown down by a gas severely injured. James Haggerty, struck by failing wire and rendered unconscious. He fell avainst the wheel of an engine and suffered a bad scalp wound and a probable concussion of F. M. Walsh, employe of Hecht Brothers, sprained ankle. Edith Wilkinson, employed in one of the burned buildings, found unconscious and rescued by Officer Havnes of station 2. George A. Tedd. right hand iscerated. John Garrity of engine 26, out about the

story window was a man. He was in the top story of the building trying to save some of his household goods when the wall fell and kneeked in a portion of the root of his house. He rushed down one flight and then climbed out of the window. He was very cool and maintained his hold on the window sill until a ladder was raised and he made his way down unassisted.

After the fall of the wall the firemen returned to a place of advantage in very nearly the same locality and continued to wage war against the flames, which seemed to gain headway every minute.

For the first half hour the fire king had things all his own way and at the end of that time the Hecht, Preston and Constant buildings, with the Hecht warehouse and the sheds, were all in flames.

The best that the firemen could do was to confine the flames to these buildings and it looked for a while as though their efforts would not be successful.

Streams of water were being poured into the buildings from Federal and Summer sts and Waverly and Linwood pls., but the buildings and their contents continued to be consumed.

BURIED IN RUINS.

Reporter Barker Lies in

Debris of Fire.

Last Seen as Roof and Walls of

Building Fell.

Man He Was Talking to Had

Narrow Escape.

Search Failed to Reveal Body

Last Night.

He Was a Popular Young Man

and Energetic Worker.

Of all the sad events of yesterday's great

fire, nothing out so cruelly into the heart

nor caused half the anguish and sorrow as

the announcement of Joseph F. Barker's

The mere burning of wool, or of leather,

or of the builders' handswork was not so

much as the snap of a finger in comparison

with the loss of good, noble, energetic Joe

The awfulness of his fate made friends

eringe at the thought. His was what might

have been many another reporter's fate.
In pursuance of his duties, in loyalty to

the Transcript, on which he was employed.

he risked and gave his life. And today the friends he numbered by the thousand, for

all who at any time chanced to meet him

became his friend, mourn in sadness his

Few there were who know him but felt the lump rise in the throat and the mist

pass o'er the eye at the thought of his tragic

JOSEPH F. BARKER.

But no man ever perished more nobly at

the post of duty, or left behind him more

Some place beneath the immense plies of

debris and ice lies his body, and not until

the fird is completely put out can any search

for it be made. Possibly tonight it may be

He was early at the Transcript yesterday

morning, and was engaged in his customary duties when, at 8.30 o'clock, the second

City Editor Alexander assigned Mr. Bar-

ker to cover the fire, and in a very few

minutes this trusted reporter was on the

scene actively collecting facts for his story.

walk in front of the New York & New Eng-

land depot, a position from which he could

get a good view of the burning buildings.

While there he conversed for a few moments

with City Messenger Alvah H. Peters, but

There are now two apparently authentic

Some minutes later, some time between

o'clock and 9.25, he was standing in the

vacant space rear of the Water Power build-

ing, and near him was Chief Webber's son.

When the roar and crash of the walls fall

ing was heard both men ran in opposite

directions. Chief Webber's son reached

Federal st. in safety, but nothing has since

From another source comes this informa-

tion: About 9.30 o'clock Mr. A. T. Dunn,

who is employed at the store of A. Shumun

& Co., helped an injured man to the omorgency hospital. He was hatless, his

clothes were wet and covered with smooth,

and he seemed to be suffering greatly. He told Mr. Dunn that his name was Richard

R. Walsh, one of Heent Brothers' foremen,

and that he lived at 114 West 7th st. South

"I had gone to the top of the old water-power building." said Mr. Walsh. "which

we use for a wool storehouse, and was fol-

lowed by a reporter, who was trying to get

an estimate of the value and the quantity

of wool in the building. I was so busy I

told him I had no time to give him the information, and white we were talking I

I has saw up there."

Mr. Walsh asserts he told a fireman whom he met as he emerged from the falling building that there was still another man on the top floor, but that no notice was taken of his information.

The description of the reporter as given by Mr. Walsh tailies fairly well with Joe Barker.

This much, however, is certain that he went to the five, that he was in the midst of the danger while collecting material for his story, and that since early morning he has not been seen.

His failure to reappear at the Transcript effice furnished grounds for fear. He was aways prompt, and when sent on assignments invariably reported early.

Vainly were the hosoitals, the police stations and the stores in the vicinity of the fire visited with the hope of linding the missing man. He could not be found anywhere.

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As the afternoon passed away the possi-bility of an awal fate stole on the minds of all who heard of his absence.

That Joe Barker, who had with such alacity left the Transcript office for the scene of the fire only a tew hours before, might even now be a charred or crushed corpse beneath the debris of that confluera-tion, was too much for contemplation. But at evening the dread inevitable conclusion was accepted.

He was one of the best known and most

popular of the voting newspaper men in the city, and his contail and sunny nature endeared him to all with whom he came in contact. Ho was perennially good humored, always the first with an effect assistance to a friend in need of help, and was the light and life of the office in which he worked.

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Ite had won his way up from the bottom, beginning his profes ions career in a minor position on the Traveller staff. He quickly gained the respect and confidence of his employers, and rapidly developed into a first-class news-gatherer.

Ite made such a good record on the Traveller that he was invited to associate himself with the Transcript staff, and did so on Jan 1, 1886 Since that time he has realously and loyally devoted himself to the service of the paper, doing hazardous duty at more than one conflagration like that in which he lost his life yesterday. He was one of the most faithful workers on the staff, and will be deeply mourned by his associates.

He was a momber of the Boston Press Club and the Newscaper Club.

Mr. Barker was but 20 years old and a native of Cambridge. About two years ago he married Miss Rachel A. Browne, daughter of Dr. Browne, now of Richmond, Va., and his wedded life was a happy one.

He resided with his wife and mother and sister on Gardner st., Cambridge.

heard a crash and the roof fell in on us. 'I was just able to save myself and to find my way out to the street. The reporter

left to approach nearer the fire,

reports of his movements after that.

At 8.45 he had made his way to the side-

convenient to begin the search.

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alarm was sounded.

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hands and face.

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Dennis F. Gaughran, a teamster, residing at South Boston, inhaled smoke and was taken to a hospital. Edward E. Ranney, right hand slightly Richard R. Walsh, both ankles broken by a fall. Jeremiah Duncan, a teamster, struck by an electric wire and right hand badly

T. J. O'Connell of ladder 17, both knees sprained by fall from slippery ladder. John Cleverly of chemical 8, foot badly

lacerated.

John Chapman of engine 1, overcome by moke, cut and bruised, and ankle sprained. The majority of these cases were attended by Dr. Galvin and a large corps of surgeons at the Emergency hospital. After having their wounds dressed many of the injured departed for their homes, while others remained until the arrival of friends. At 8.20 a. m. an automatic alarm was given from the first floor of Hecht Brothers' building, 207-211 Federal st., and engine 7.

ladders 8 and 17 and Protective apparatus 1

ager of the shoe store in the basement of the Hecht building, had discovered that the flames were working their way into the store through the partition separating it from the boiler and storeroom in the rear, used by Hecht Brothers. He hastened to box 48, corner of Atlantic av. and Federal st., nearly opposite the building. In the meantime Patrolman Carroll of station 4, standing in front of the New York & New England railroad station, had seen smoke issuing from the New England market in the basement of 209 Federal st, and adjoining the shoe store, which de-

veloped into an outburst of fire before he had reached box 48. Frank Masterson was there first and at 8.22 sounded the first bell The men had hardly turned away from the box to look at the building, when thin tongues of flame were seen leaping up through the south elevator well in the front

cheered

with hot coffee

roof with a celerity that boded destruction

creasing in velocity and fury as it added to

It was wool in the cellar, wool on the top

and every intervening floor, and from the

swept through the market, fruit store and

shoe shop, and upon every floor it spread

itself and laid hold of the inflammable con-

At 8.30 a second alarm was given, and so

of the entire building.

its possessions.

into a furnace.

.lce coated ruins on

the Hecht Bros

place of inception in this collar storeroom it | to remove stock or books,

astonishingly rapid was the almost unac. Hecht building.

SCENES IN BURNED DISTRICT.

of the building at 211 Federal st., andlin an Hall Stetson & Co., brought the Constant

instant fire and smoke had appeared on the building in closer proximity to the furnace

Five minutes more and with the arrival Burning clumps of wool, blown from the of apparatus the main body of flame in the inflamed structure rested upon the roof

south well had sent its myriad shoots out and projecting woodwork of the Constant

upon every landing, and was steadily in- building, and before the occupants knew it

countable progress of the fire that the entire . At this time the Preston building was

six-story Hecht building was transformed, practically between these two, and the fly-

the Preston.

that the Hecht building had become than

fire had eaten its way into the rear of their

Hall, Stetson & Co.'s employes had to

The Corey Leather Company, and L. A.

from roof to cellar the flames seem to

almost burst simultaneously on every floor.

so great was the impetus obtained from the

ing brands before 9 o'clook had laid hold

Clarke were in a similar predicament, as

hurriedly leave the store, and had no time



FRONT OF HEGHT BLOTRERS BUILDING; THE WALLS STANDING. of 12 and 14 South st. provented its sproud in that direction. Then the fire took an opposite turn. The roof of the old Water Power building, 213 to 218, enught fire from the adjoining Hecht building, and by 9 o'clock the three floors of wool were ablaze, and later il mos had been transmitted to the Carrolton cafe

and Carven's liquor store on the street floor. By 9.25 the building began to crumbte and its falling rear and south wall caused

one mass of debris and all four walls are

The solid stone front of the Preston build-

ing stands uninjured, but interiorly it is

The iron frame front of the Constant

building stands like a skeleton, as every

floor from top to bottom, excepting the

street floor and a few feet that adhere to

the front wall at each story, has collapsed.

Complete rebuilding will be necessary in

every case excepting that of the Preston

It is not determined yet to a certainty just

what the cause of the fire was. It is sup-

posed to have originated in a basement

storeroom, containing a large amount of

Hecht Brother's wool, as flames were break-

ing through from there when Masterson

observed them. This was right next to the boiler room of the building, and although

an examination is yet impossible, it is

believed that spontaneous combustion

in the wool influenced by the heat from the

There is another theory that has been

advanced, which would be substantiated by

is uing from the New England market,

near the south elevator well. It is claimed

that a gasoline stove used for heating the

office in the rear of the market exploded,

and communicated the flames to the wool

The story of this explosion was repeated

not be quoted pending an inquiry, and ap-

HOW FLAMES WERE FOUGHT.

Description of the Work of Foston's

Fire Fishters.

was sent in from box 48, followed by,a

second alarm eight minutes later and a

After that Chief Webber, instead of ring-

ing in a general a arm, used the telephone,

and through the assistance of Supt. George in the City Hall dome, ordered in various

pieces of apparatus from the outlying dis-

pieces of apparatus from the outlying districts.

At 10.40 engine 36 was ordered to the Salem st. engine house, and five minutes later c. emical engine 2 was sent to the Mason st. engine house and chemical 1 to its headquarters on Bulfinch st.

As a result of this arrangement Chief Webber had at the direall as a lable engines, and at the same time left the city well protected in case of emergency.

When the department arrived they found that practically the whole Heeht building was on fire.

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It was at once seen that this building could not be saved, and the firemen turned their attention to prevent the spread or the flames to the surrounding buildings. In this they were only partially successful, The flames swept through the front of the Heeht building and spread to the tour-story brick warehouse and the old sheds in the rear. These two latter buildings were stored with wool, and made excellent fuel for the flames, which seemed to spread with lightning rapidity.

From these the fire jumped the building at the corner of Federal and Summer sis. known as the Brown building, and communicated with the Freston and Constant buildings on Summer st., the rear of the two buildings backing up to the side of the Heeht building.

The fire fighters had a valuable ally in the walls of the Brown building, which

the walls of the Brown building, which were so well constructed that they resis ed the onslaught of the flames, and the firemen were thus enabled to save this corner from destruction, and the only loss to the occupants of this building will be from

storeroom directly in the rear.

pears to be substantial.

the flames.

third alarm at 8.36.

boller room will be found to be the cause.

gutted and the rear wall is a wreck.

partially fallen in.

well directed stream put out the incipient blaze.

At one time the roof of the New York & New England depot caught on fire, but the blaze did not amount to anything.

To make uniters worse, the side walls of the itecht building fell outwards, and this let the toors of the building down.

Then at 9.25 a portion of the rear wall fell and the firemen commenced to demolish what was left of it.

All that remains of the Hecht building where the fire started is the front wall, and that in all probability will have to be demolished. that in all probability will have to be demolished.

The firemen were hampered a great deal
in their work by the seemingly countless
number of wires that crossed and fell in all
directions. These wires were all charged
with electricity, the dead ones from contact
with trolley and electric light wires.

It was a long while before all of the wires
were cut so as to allow the firemen untrammelled play at the fronts of the buildings.

In the rear they were not so hampered,
and they made better progress, but the
danger from falling walls made their work
extremely hazardous,
the By flooding the buildings with water the
department got the fire under control at
10.15 so that there was no danger from its
spreading to the adjoining buildings.

In the Preston building four hosemen got
cut off from their courades and were
rescued with difficulty from their perilous
position.

At the clock the fire was confined to the nosition.

At 11 o'clock the fire was confined to the building used as a storehouse for wool, and at noon the frames there were a lout.

Listing the framen kept pouring all the water possible into all of the buildings, for the wool and the leather kept smouldering and was hable at any time to burst forth seals. again. The protective department, under the

be consumed.

However the fire did not spread to any of the other buildings so as to make any handway, as whenever a spark was discovered a well directed stream put out the incipient

NETWORK OF BROKEN WIRES, was run to the fire. The line was worked but 30 minutes, owing to the great dis-tance from the fire. After that a second direction of Capt. Abbott, did good work putting the rubber blankets in the adjoining buildings, many of which were filled with All of the afternoon the hosemen kept up their work and the members of the hook and ladder companies were busy tearing

was run to the fire. The line was worked but 30 minutes, owing to the great distance from the tire. After that a second line of hose was connected with steamer 6, and a gang of men from the fire boat remained there looking after it.

The brunt of the battle was borne by District Chief Mullen and the members of engine 1. They went in the archway under the storehouse to the left passed into the yard and raised a ladder to the top of the shed, and, climbing to the roof, directed several streams of water on to the Hecht building. several streams of water on to the flecht building.

While they were thus engaged the wall of the latter building fell with a crash.

Chief Mullen heard a crackling sound just before the fall and yelled to his men to Patrolman Carroll first seeing the blaze The warning came not a moment too Some of the men ran towards the archway that led to Federal st., and others, with the clief, ran along the roof and immed upon some low buildings that backed on to days before the department will cease to last evening by several officials, who would It has been some time since the firemen of Boston have had such a hard battle with It was just 8.22 when the first bell alarm

and ladder communies were busy tearing down walls.

In the Constant building there were a large, number of men throwing out the dobris and tearing down the floors. Summer st. in front of the building was filled with rubbish from the building.

At a late hour last evening there were a half-dozen engines on the scene, pumping water into the gutted buildings, and this dotail of firemen will be kept up for possibly two days.

The water that has been thrown against the walls has frozen and has made them very dangerous and liable at any time to fall, the added weight of the ice making them top heavy.



tremen.
When the smoke and dust caused by the falling wall had cleared away the firemen went back and found the ladder smashed to bits.
On the other side of the alley was a tenement-house and clinging from a second-

SOUTH STREET.

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of the West End Street Railway Company

arrived on the scene, and perceiving at a

giance that the blaze was destined to spread.



The big Hecht building extends back from Federal st. to a small way leading off Hecht and the Preston and Constant struc-South st., called Linwood et. This brings tures. The only damage to it was consethe rear wall out slightly beyond the line | quently by water. of the rear walls of the Preston and Con-

LOSS TWO MILLIONS. Continued from the Fifth Page. called out the emergency corps by tele-

ing charged with electricity no one could touch it and further attempts to use it was abandoned.

The water tower is a very valuable apparatus in case of fire, especially where the buildings are high and it is hard to get a stream on the flames. This may have had something to do with the quick spreading of the flames.

Ladders could not be raised up to the Hecht building, where the fire first started, on account of the network of wires, of which there must have been a hundred in the vicinity of the New York & New England depot.

Supt. Chase of the police signal department expressed his opinion very forcibly on the hindrauce which the wires were to fighting the flames.

"Live wires were all over the streets when I arrived on the scene," he said. "The very water with which the streets were filled was charged with electric currents, and one needed rubber boots to go around safely. The water tower received a shock, and it was useless from the start."

Fire Commissioner Fitch said that the wires were a source of great trouble to the fire department.

"They were falling all the time." he added, "and in front of the Hecht Brothers' building the firemen could not move, owing to the mass of wires. The water tower was charged from a live wire and could not be handled."

Chief Abbet of Fort Hill so, district said that the wires were very bothersome and

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Capt. J. H. Regan of companies 28 and 29 said: "What could we do without ladders and how could we get them upon the Hecht building through the mass of wires that are in front of the New York & New England depot? There must have been at least 100 wires up there, and as we always try to get a tream from up above down onto the blaze it was impossible to keep it from spreading."

CROWDS AT THE SCENE.

Every Point of Vantage was Black with

Humanity. The crowd began to gather as soon as it

was noised about that a big fire had broken

those who happened to be sprinters fell in in their wake and made for the scene at full speed. The more sedate followed in a walk.

Business men who were on their way

down town, hurried up when they heard

the alarms and the engines rushing by,

fearing that the fire might be near their

place of business or liable to spread to it.

Office boys and clerks took half an hour from their work to see the fire, and those who happened to be out on an errand took a little longer than usual to do it and a more circuitous route, in order to take in the fire, and mossenger boys were seen quite frequently.

As soon as the ropes were put up across the streets there was a crowd to line up to get a front position to look at the blaze. If any body got in the front row they had difficulty in getting out, as they were soon lined

Office boys and clerks took half an hour

out in the wool and leather district.

but got there just the same.

As the engines rushed through the

right angles to the large Hecht building. men prevented its spread to those adjacent Between them there was a light space some on the same street, and with Linwood ct. 10 or 15 feet. A small addition, covered between them and the buildings on South with green glass and used as an office by st. streams of water directed from the roofs called out the emergency corps by telephone.

On the ringing in of a second and third alarm the station on Albany st., the general office of the company and the electrical department were called un by telephone and informed of the extent of the fire.

Among the effect of the West find, who persona ty superintended the cutting down of all wires dangerous to the firemen in their work of fightling the flames.

Live wires, however, were a constant menace to the firemen. Atthough many were soon cut down, another one would appear to keep the linemen on the jump to cut it down and the firemen on the jump to get out of the way of it.

The arc light wires have a current of 1000 volts, enough to kill a man, and the West End trolleys have a current of 500 volts, warranted not to kill, but everybody kept at a good distance, not wishing to try whether they would electrocute or not.

The wires in this vicinity are unusually thick and formed a perfect canopy, so that the water tower was raised, but becoming charged with electricity no one could touch it and further attempts to use it was abandoned.

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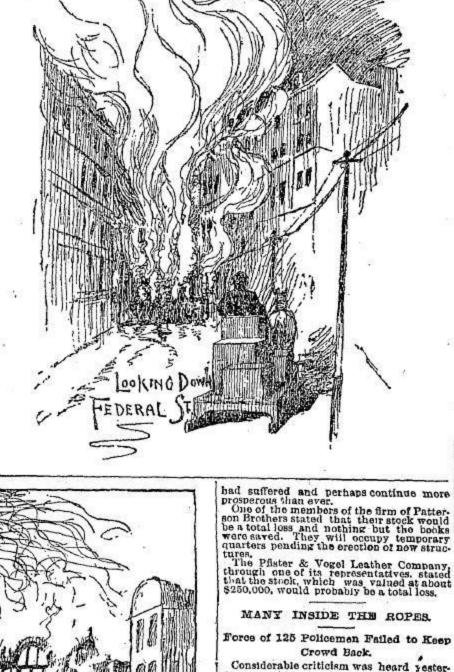
Webber, following his usual practice, de-climed to be interviewed or discuss his work for publication, and Chairman Fitch of the



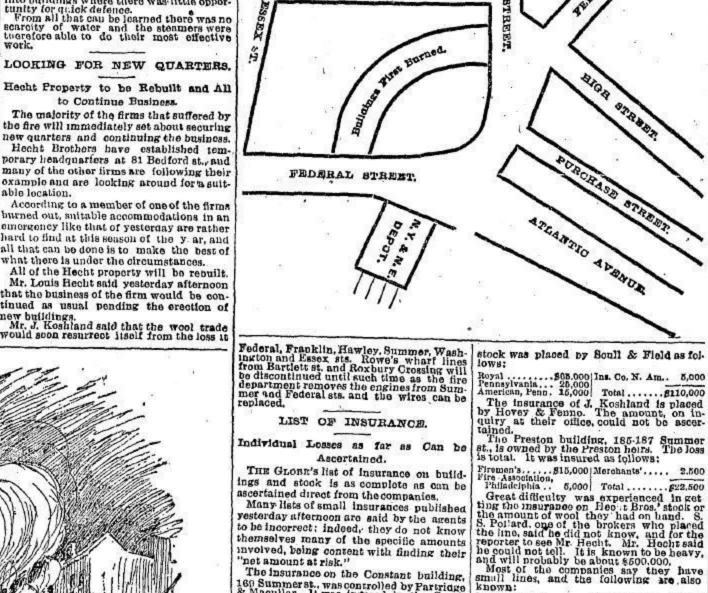
his opinion the fire had been handled as well as could be expected under the adverse circumstances under which the department labored. example and are looking around for a suitrepart labored.

There are those in this city, however, who are ranked among the "lire sharps," who are ranked among the "lire sharps," who are not subject to the criticism of their obinions which are meted out to those in one city position, and from them a Globbe reporter obtained a good idea of the fire fighter's view of the circumstances.

In the first place the rapid headway made by the tire is laid to the planning and construction of the Hecht building. A large building of this character with unbroken floor spaces on every story, affords a field for the sweep of the flames which would be materially decreased were there cross partitions of anything more substantial than able location.



the crowd.



The insurance on the Constant building, 160 Summerst. was controlled by Partridge & Maculiar. It was insured in the Continental for \$15,000 and in the North American of Boston, \$6000.

The first floor of the Constant building was occupied by Hall, Stetson & Co., who were insured through C. B. Wheelock in the following companies: known: Individual Un-| Individual Un| writers. | \$189.000 | Boyleton | 7,000 |
Phoenix, London	35.000	& Co.			
Clonns Falla.	10.000	& Co.			
L. L. and Globe	16.000	Agency	15.000		
Newark, N. J.	10.000		15.000		
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The building 175-183 Summer st., occupied by White Brothers and others, was insured for \$50,000.

The insurance of White Brothers, placed by G. O. Carpenter & Son, was as follows: TOTAL INSURANCE LOSS. Careful Estimate by Many Writers Places it at \$1,477,000. Herewith is a full list of the net lines carried by all the companies on those build-ings which are likely to prove a total loss. Son, was as follows:

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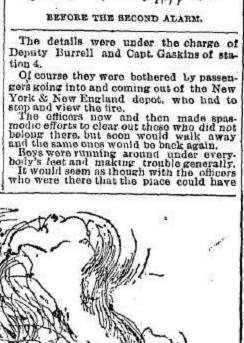
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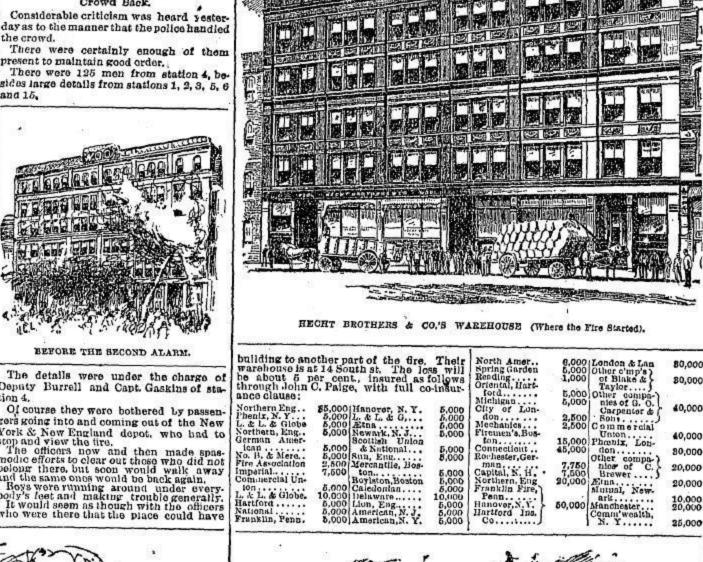
Royal, Eng. 5,000

Total 575.000 The insurance of N. W. Rice & Co. (8350-000) and other places where the loss will be but slight, is not included. N. W. Rice & Co.'s stock was damaged by water in getting the hose through their 8,000 Transatianict.



present to maintain good order. There were 125 men from station 4, be sides large details from stations 1, 2, 3, 5, 6 BEFORE THE SECOND ALARM. The details were under the charge of Deputy Burrell and Capt. Gaskins of station 4.







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list of losses. It had a frontage of 104 feet, was 105 feet in the rear and 141 feet deep on one side and 130 on the other, towering to a height of 80 feet. Its construction was commenced in 1835 and finished ayear later. Its estimated cost was \$100,000. It was designed originally for hotel purposes, in anticipation of the construction of a magnificent depot opposite by the New York & New England railroad, but was remodelled forbusiness purposes.

The insurance on the building is estimated at \$75,000.

Mr. Hecht states that he cannot give an idea of either his loss or insurance until the safe can be opened. His bookkeeper places the stock at 5,000,000 pounds of wood, valued at from 15 to 40 cents. Of this there will be considerable salvage. The loss may then reach \$800,000, with about two-thirds insurance, placed by Samuel S. Pollard and John C. Palge, mostly in foreign companies.

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The Preston building was valued at \$80,000; total loss, insured for \$40,000.

It was occupied by White Brothers, leather, whose stock is valued at \$175,000; insured for \$80,000. American Shoe Tip Company, loss \$6000, insured for \$27,000; Q. H. Goodhue & Co., wool, stock valued at \$75,000, loss total, insured for \$27,000; G. H. Goodhue & Co., wool, stock valued at \$75,000, insured for \$2500; American Drug Company, loss \$4000, insured for \$27,000. Greates Brown Manufacturing Company, loss \$10,000, insured for \$2500; American Drug Company, loss \$4000, insured for \$1000.

The Constant building was owned by S. S. Constant heirs. It is a total loss. It was valued at \$50,000 and but partially insured. The occupants were Hall, Stetson & Co., leather, loss, \$76,000; F. Z. Collins & Co., leather, loss, \$80,000; F. Z. Collins & Co., leather, loss, \$50,000; F. Z. Collins & Co., leather, loss, \$90,000; F. Z. Collins & Co., leather, loss, \$90,000; F. Z. Collins & Co., leather sud straw boards, loss, \$20,000; G. B. Clark & Co., leather, loss, \$20,000; Grey Leather Company, goat skins, loss, \$100,000; insuranced for \$82,000; Orlental Tea Company, loss, \$65,000; insured for \$35,000; Grey Leather Company, goat skins, loss, \$100,000; insuranced for \$70,000.

The building, \$165 Summer and \$205 Federal sts., owned and occupied by N. W. Rice Loather Company, insurance, \$352,000; insurance \$40,000; loss, \$1000.

The five-story brick store and building, \$2500; was a restaurant by John Ha SIX FAMILIES HOMELESS. Italian Tenement House at North End Gutted by Fire. Six families were rendered homeless ye terday afternoon, driven into the street by They were occupants of the three-story building, 1 Keefe's alley, off North st., and in almost every room children gamboled on the floor. Almost without any warning the building was filled with smoke, and then commenced a scramble for the narrow staircase. All fortunately escaped to the street.

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An alarm was given from box 13, and being promptly responded to by the department, what promised to be a disastrous conflagration was quickly averted.

When the firemen arrived it was impossible to locate the fire, so dense was the smoke in every room. Eventually it was found to be in the cellar, but the entrance could not be found. A fireman, however, found a trapdoor in the floor in the hall.

By this time the fire had burned up through the roof, and it was 30 minutes before it was extinguished.

The blaze was a stubborn one, and in a dangerous locality, being surrounded by tenements and warehouses, and the firemen well knowing this worked with unusual vigor. usual vigor.

Hoseman Porter of engine 25 was one of the first to enter the building, and was quickly drarged out in an insensible condition. An ambulance was called and he was removed to station 1, where Dr. Elliot worked over him for some time, and he was eventually resuscitated.

The building was damaged to the extent of, \$500, and is owned by the Robinson heirs. usual vigor. heirs.
The tenants were all Italians. FOUR-STORY BLOCK BURNED. Town of Wales Visited by a \$15,000 Blaze. SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 10.—A disastrous fire visited the town of Wales about 4 o'clock this afternoon and burned Shaw's fourstory block and a large storehouse owned by Baker & Co. of Stafford Springs. The fire is supposed to have started near the chimney and the heavy wind assisted the flames until a loss of about \$15,000 was caused.

The block was really the principal one in the village, and besides several stores, contained Wates' Hall and the post office. In the building there was a meat market kept by C. Moore, and shoe shop and Laura Belding's militinery store, A. A. Corbett's grocery and dry goods store, and a barber shop owned by Herbert Siger.

Three families occupied the tenements on the third floor, while the dance hall was situated above. the third hoor, while the dance hall was sit-nated above.

The three tenants on the third floor saved nearly all their furniture, but some of it was in a damaged condition.

A. A. Corbett places the less on his stock of groceries and dry goods at \$5000; in-sured.

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The postmaster was able to save the letters and papers and other valuable articles in the office.

The building burned like tinder and was practically totally destroyed. It was owned by Jane M. Shaw, who estimates her loss at \$5000; insured.

The volunteer firemen were unable to handle the blaze, and the storehouse adjacent proved good fuel for the fiames. The structure was 30x60 feet and three stories high. The building was empty. Loss \$2000; insured. Tried to Burn the Fowle House. AUBURNDALE, Jan 10.—The alarm from box 43, about 8.30 this evening, was for a fire, probably incendiary, in the large uncocupied storehouse on the Fowle estate. Loss very slight. IN COUNCIL AT MALDEN. Orders Offered and Referred-Policemen Want More Pay. MALDEN, Jan. 10 .- The Common Council held its first regular meeting this evening. President Richards in the chair. The president appointed George W. Gardner as messenger of the council, vice Charles S. Norris, who declined to serve another year. Councilman Sweeney offered an order providing for the borrowing of \$75,000 for the purpose of erecting the proposed high school building at the corner of Ferry and

school building at the corner of Ferry and Salem sts. Referred to the finance committee.

Reports from several of the city officials were received and referred to the committee on printing. An order was passed authorizing the committee on building the Faulkner school to complete the building and to grade the grounds, etc.

The members of the police force petitioned for an increase of salary, and the patition was referred to the committee on salaries. BOOKS ARE BADLY MIXED. Lively Girls, Corn Juice and a Missing Bank Teller. DENVER, Col., Jan. 10. - A paper here says! Simon Goldman, paying teller of the Ger-man National Bank, has disappeared, and his shortage is thought to be anywhere between \$10,000 and \$80,000. Goldman was seen last on Friday night, when he was spending money lavishly with the girls on Market st. and drinking heavily. He was also addicted to gambling. Cashier Clinton says the books are badly mixed up. BALLOWELL, ME Benjamin Heath of Gardiner, employed in Currier's shingle mill in this city, caught his hand in a saw Monday, terribly mutilating the fingers, which necessitated par-

FROM THE DANIEL WEBSTER BUILDING. New York on the 1 o'clock train, but the officer happened to know that the next rain did not leave until 3 o'clock. The origin man walked off, and he probably worke it on some other officer who was not so well acquainted with the trains, as he reporter noticed him inside the lines a new minutes later.

On Summer st. the sidowalks were provided for some distance, and the street, although not so popular on account of the slush, was pretty well filled up.

On Federal st., at the corner of Summer, there was a big crowd and it was hard work to get through. Add to this the delays in Taising ladders, caused by the tangle of wree in front of the building and the fact that the water-tower, a most important piece of apparatus in delucing a large building with water, could not be used to advantage because the man attending it was driven from his post by renewed electric shocks, and little farther proof of the opinion is needed. That the wires did cause deiny, and were a most agravating and dangerous obstruction to the work of the firemen, many who saw the early stages of the fire could testify. As to the delay in the arrival of the apparatus, it is pointed out that the soft and been kept much clearer and those who had no business there ought to have been put outside the ropes. Change in Route of Cars. Owing to the fire on Summer and Federal sts., and the cutting of trolley wires in connection therewith, all Dorchester av., Milton and Field's Corner cars will be run via Kneeland, Lincoln, Beach and Washington

sts. The South Boston Post Office sq. line will come in via Kuceland, Lincoln, Beach, Washington and Milk sts., returning via

,000 Buffalo, German ,000 Hanover, N. Y. ,000 Hartford, Conn. ,500 Pinted States. ,500 Prov., Wash. N. Brit. and Mer. ,000 Union, England 1000 Connecticut ,000 Cinterns of Mo. 5,000 Cinterns of Mo. 5,000 Cinterns of Mo. 5,000 Springfield Fire 6,000 Springfield Fire 6,000 German Amer. 5,000 Common wealth 5.000 Total \$342,600 The building 219-321 Federal st. is insured for \$50,000. It is occupied by Patterson Brothers and J. Koshiand, and their losses are total

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Ice is now being housed of the clearest kind 14 inches thick.

The death of Mrss Ruth Kennedy, the aged aut of Mrs antion Gilman on Granite lill, occurred Monday. The deceased was \$2 years of age.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Northern National Bank held Tuesday, the following directors were elected: James H. Leigh, Ben Tenney, C. Beaulding, Kendall Titcomb, John H. Lord. The directors organized and elected ford was elected cashier.

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