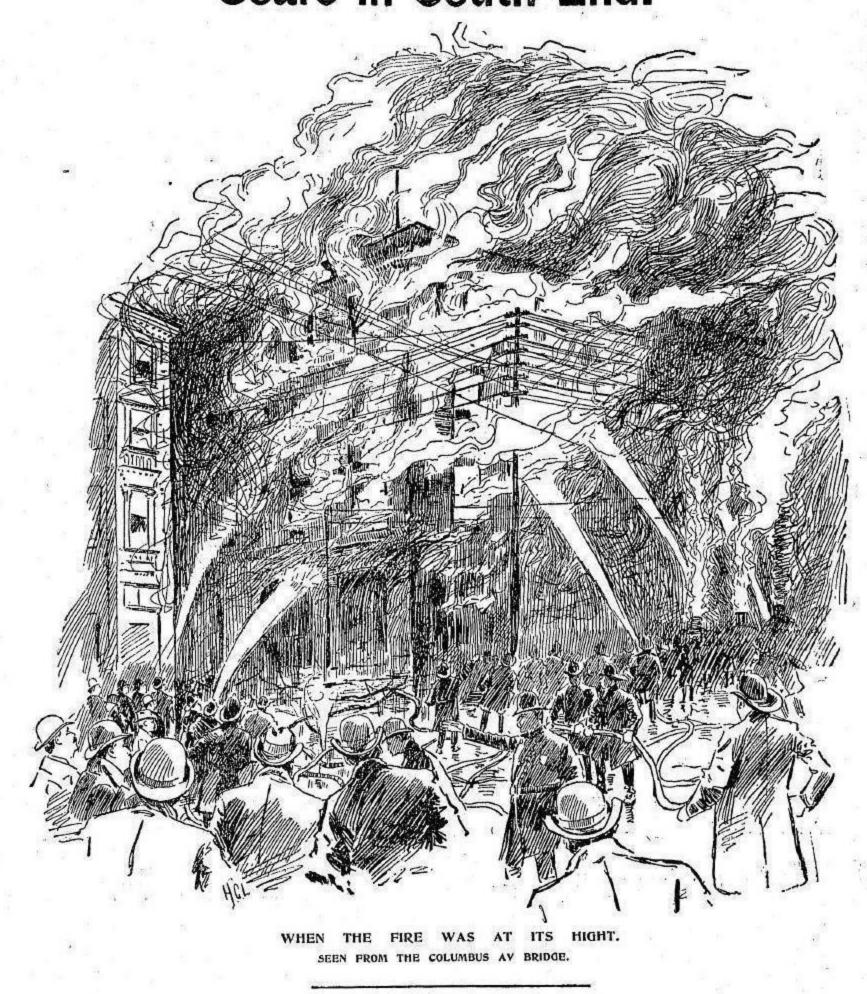
BOSTON, FRIDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 1896-TEN PAGES.

FIRE LOSS, \$275,000.

Blaze in the Pope Co's Building Caused Big Scare in South End.



The magnificent five-story brick build- | 3.35. That meant business. It was fol- | first alarm, although the fire was under | ing fire for some time after it was ing occupied by the Pope manufactur- lowed by box 96, acting as a third control and practically subdued at 6.30. ing company on Columbus av was turned alarm, at 3.45, and at 4.09 came the into a furnace full of flames late yes- startling general alarm, which sumterdaý afternoon. Nothing but the barr walls now re-The contents, including hundreds of bleyeles ready for the market, and scores more kept in store for individuals, were completely destroyed. Only Those in attendance at the riding school barely escaped with their lives, and some of the employes left the second floor by means of ladders raised from the street. The great structure occupied by the Youth's Companion, to the north, new dollars, was threatened, but was saved where the roof used to be, but was not. by the excellent work of the fire depart-Howland hotel. They packed up their goods, ready for flight if necessary. So intense was the heat that the women ing the scene could not touch their fingers to the panes of glass without burn-The fire was fought for several hours, and was kept within the walls of the Pope building.

across the avenue, frightening the ten-ants of the Hoffman house and the stock is \$73,000. who stood at the front windows watch- extent of \$10,000, and the contents, the An alarm from box 96 was rung at 3.15 p m, but that was for a lace-curtain blaze in the hotel Wentworth, on Berkeley st. Although within sight of the treatment. scene of the greater calamity, yet it had Pope's automatic, No. 263, sounded at Best Chew. Bes Smoke. Bes Chew. Best Smoke. Best Smoke. Best Chew. BLUB LABEL



Best Chew. Best Smoke.

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Best Smoke.

Best Chew.

His clothing he left behind him. At 6.30 the flood of water had extinguished all but a few tongues of fire floors that everybody escaped. and valued at hundreds of thousands of that were licking the beams away up The Pope building is damaged to the occupied the large space on the northextent of \$100,000, insured for \$135,000, erly side of the Columbus av entrance, The flames early broke from the win- The contents of the building are es- when he saw thin puffs of smoke around dows of the bleycle building and shot | timated to have been worth at least | the posts. The seams in the floor also The Youth's Companion building is damaged by smoke and water to the posts on all sides. valuable manuscripts having been placed under way in a sort of storeroom in the in the sales, to the extent of \$50,000. basement, in the front part of the build-This loss is fully covered by insurance. Ing, between the brick-walled boiler Electric light wires somewhat ob- room and the northerly wall. This room structed the work of the fire depart- was supposed to have been kept clean, ment. They had to be cut, and during but the old bicycle crates and wooden the operation two employes of the city packing boxes were thrown there, and wire department suffered severe shocks, the inception of the fire, was unquestion severe enough in one case to send the man affected to his home for medical The all-out signal was not given until 11.30 last night, eight hours after the

moned all the available apparatus in

The crowds blocked the streets, and

The fire originated in the basement of

the Pope building, cause unknown, and

spread upward through all the five

though the bookkeeper did tarry to put

the electric cars were stopped.

the city.

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SPREAD OF THE FLAMES. Starting in the Basement the Fire Went Quickly From Floor to Floor, Destroying Almost Everything. The flames spread with remarkable floors and out through the windows rapidity, running from the basement smoke toward the front of the with awful rapidity. There was no through all parts of the building to the and it was too much for them. time to save anything except life, al- roof in a very short time. John Costello, manager of the secondthe books in the safe and turn the lock. hand wheel department, first scented the fire, and it is owing to his prompt notification of the occupants of all the Mr Costello was at work in the sec-

ond-hand room on the street floor, which meated the room and the smoke was issuing from floor cracks around the The flames were getting thoroughly ably in this pile of odds and ends. It was amply protected from the boiler room adjoining, by a solid brick wall and tron doors. Directly in the rear was the room where goods were received for unpackng, but nothing was allowed to accu-Men connected with the building say that this waste room was always kept as tidy as possible, and no paper was The best when you buy your Spring Medicine. left in the boxes. When Mr Costello decided that there that tired feeling, makes steady nerves. was a fire this room was in possession of the flames. Leaving his own personal effects behind he ran for the corridor, shouting "Fire!" crying to the el-

evator boy, and warning the salesmen

in the wareroom and office across the

The men in the salesroom did not-be-

gin to realize the situation, for a number

of them shouldered fire extinguishers,

went on a hunt for a blaze.

and with the small hose in their hands

way of the danger.

Alonzo D. Peck, who had a desk in the front part of the salesroom, with a chemical tank on his back, started for the door which communicates with the machine shop and shipping room in the southerly basement. L. F. Beers, another salesman, followed suit, but the two ardent firemen were early baffled.

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The office force set about putting away everything valuable within the fire-proof safe and escaping, and theirs was an easy task compared to that of the men in the repair shop in the rear of the southerly half of the basement. There was danger for them immedi- next Sunday's Globe. Double ately the fire gained headway. Martin the circulation of any other Box-

known in the rooms above. No one notified them, and they were only aroused to the situation when their room was suddenly filled with dense smoke. No one made a move to escape, and they all waited until the stairs as an exit was closed to them. All made an attempt to reach it and gain the floor above, but the draft was sweeping the smoke toward the front of the building, The only chance was the windows and these had been closed so long that it was no easy thing even to take advantage of this avenue. Some hammering and the strong arms of men loosened the swelled window frames, and the windows were finally worked up enough to permit the men to crawl out on to Stanhope st. Every man in his overalls and jumper, with his overcoat in his arms, and the tools of all descriptions had to be left behind. As it was, every one of the men had breathed considerable smoke. In the meantime in the office and salesroom on the street floor 'he men had made up their minds to louve. In the salesroom were W. K. Corey, A. D. Peck, L. F. Beers, E. I. Evans, George Kinsley and J. Taylor doing all they could to get their clothing out of the smoke-curtained cloak room in the rear of the elevator, and the apparel of the other occupants of the office, who insisted upon remaining to put away the The office force had quarters on a Continued on the Yenth Page.

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Donahue, Ira Fairbanke, David Valentine, J. M. Washburn and a young man named Grant were at work in the repair shop, unconscious of the approach.

Best.





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Boston Daily Globe. FRIDAY, MARCH 13, 1896. MINIATURE ALMANAC ... March 13 Standard Time. Sun Rises...... 5.58, High Tide.. 10.65 am Bun Sets...... 6.49 "...11.20 pm Length of Day.11.51 Moon Rises. 5.35 am New Moon, Mich 14, 5h 48m, morning, E First Quarter, Mich 22, 6h 57m, morning, E Full Moon, Mich 29, 6h 22m, morning, W Last Quarter, April 4, 7h 24m, evening, E



about every two minutes! gether."

"How delightful! Do you get on nicely?"

"Yes; neither of us knows enough about the language to correct the other."—(Chicago Record. Every Man Thinks He Holds the Record, Shuffle-How many hours can a man chips—How many hours can a man go without sleep? Chips—That depends upon the amount of interest you have in the game in progress—(Philadelphia North Ameri-Could It Really Have Been Enjoyable? Gladys-Mr Pennypacker told me he took you to the church fair last night and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Mabel (with a sigh)—Yes; but that
was about all,—(Puck,



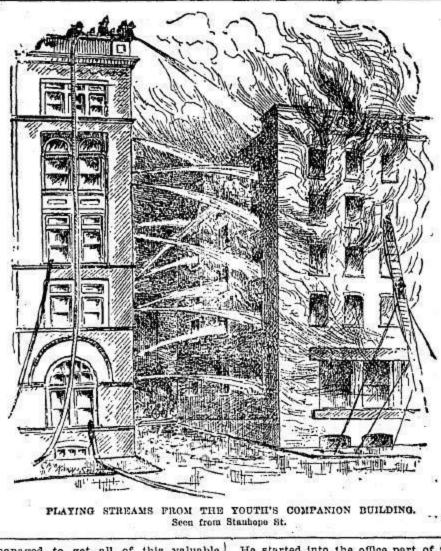
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mezzanine floor in the rear of the salesroom. Albert L. Pope, son of Col Pope, and manager of the Boston business, was in his office on this floor, and his stenographer. Miss Chubbuck, was calmly gathering her effects together after the warning. The young woman was promptly escorted out of the building, with flight by the front stairways cut off. William Ashton, the janitor, had been detained in the storage room on the fourth floor and started downstairs only to find his way more difficult of passage at almost every step.

The elevator chute was like a huge perforated chimney, radiating stifling stifling of the second floor further descent was hazardous.



He started into the office part of the floor space, found Mr Winckley at the window, and the two men stood there property into the safe and closed both doors.

When they had done this it was about time to move, and just as rapidly as possible. Mr Pope had his office coat on and his over and under coats were in the coat room, now inaccessible because of the advancing flame. He and his bookkeeper made for the Columbus av entrance, where Mr Davis found that some one had kindly rescued his garments from the coat room and held them for him. together until the crew of company 3 placed a ladder to the window. Cough-ing, and with their eyes smarting with the smoke, they climbed down the ladder, William Troy, the engineer, was shut up in his brick and iron apartment under the main entrance, when the fire broke out, but he managed to get out early, in his working clothes. P. O. Perkins, a traveling salesman, reached town Thursday afternoon and left a new suit of clothes in the coat room while he did his business at the To the witnesses of the fire its rapid spread was a remarkable feature.
Although there were 20 valuable bleycles standing in the salesroom on the street floor, the employes saved only office. He had no opportunity to regain possession of the newly purchased ap-There was no more creditable work done from the time the cry of fire went over the building than that of the elevator boy, Joseph MacWaugh, and C. L. Richardson, master of the riding school, and his corps of instructors.

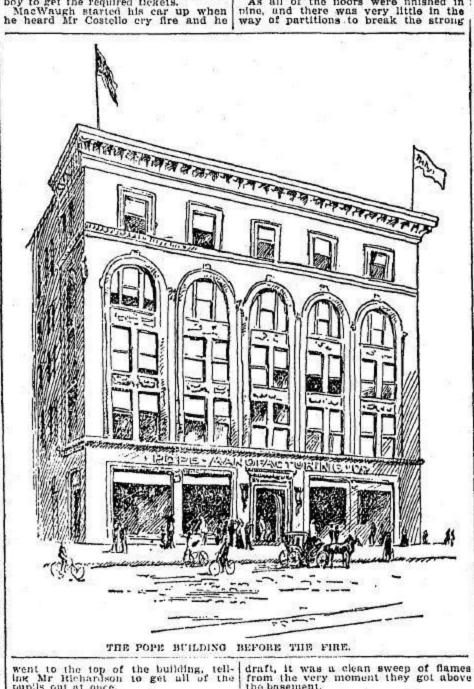
Two minutes before the smoke came through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come the childing. Blenkinsop—O, splendidly! Getting on about every two minutes!

Storm Signals Should be Displayed Now.

"Ethel and I are reading French together."

There was no more creditable work done from the time the cry of fire went time it was discovered the blaze drove everybody from the salesroom, and John Costello, after giving the alarm, could not get back to where his coat and hat were hanging in the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come through the floor of the second-hand wheel department two women had come the partment.

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STANHOPE ST VIEW OF THE FIRE, FROM A PHOTOGRAPH.

the winter. There were more than 100 of these.

On the same floor, piled up in the southerly end of the large room, were 500 pairs of new tires, which represent a saleable figure of \$6 a pair.

It was only a short leap from the fourth floor to the riding academy above, and the fire was in full command of that large area. Besides the furnishings and the few bicycles used in teaching pupils there was little of value on the fifth floor.

One of the instructors, Free Clark, happened to be out on an errand, and he returned too late to save his clothing, and he was the only loser among ng, and he was the only loser among the riding academy boys.

In addition to the new stock already mentioned there were about \$15,000 worth of various sundries, bleycle supplies in various parts of the building, and 175 second-hand wheels on the street floor in the northern end of the building. These were valued at between \$40 and \$50 cach.

FURNACE RAGING WITH HEAT. Scene of Spectacular Beauty Presented to the Thousands of People Gathered in Windows and the Streets. When the general alarm had been When the general alarm had been sounded, when the excited populace began to gather, the fire scene was such as is rarely witnessed in this city.

The fiames had mounted from the basement in the twinkling of an eye, had gained the second story, the third, so on up to the fifth. The plate glass of the windows had fa en outward and gone down with a crash and a smash upon the sidewalk. The whole building from bottom to top seemed to have been transformed into a furnace raging with heat.

Such a spectacle had been created with heat.
Such a spectacle had been created while the bells of the city were still clanging and was awaiting the arrival of the thousands of spectators.
Fire found food to its taste and fed upon it with eagerness seemingly unrestrained.
Engines came from all the second forms. Engines came from all directions and surrounded the burning building. Their dense smoke thickened the clouds which already hung black in the sky overhead. They began to throw water by the ton into the windows and on to the roof and they drenched the fronts of the hotels across the avenue to keep them cool. Water towers added their gigantic water towers added their gigantic streams.

Men were to be seen climbing the poles, sitting on the crossbars and cuting the heavy electric light wires which impeded the work of the firemen.

The streets were covered a foot deep with slush, through which waded 100 policemen, the reporters and the men with the hese. Ice, ice on all sides, on clothing, on machinery, on walks and walls.

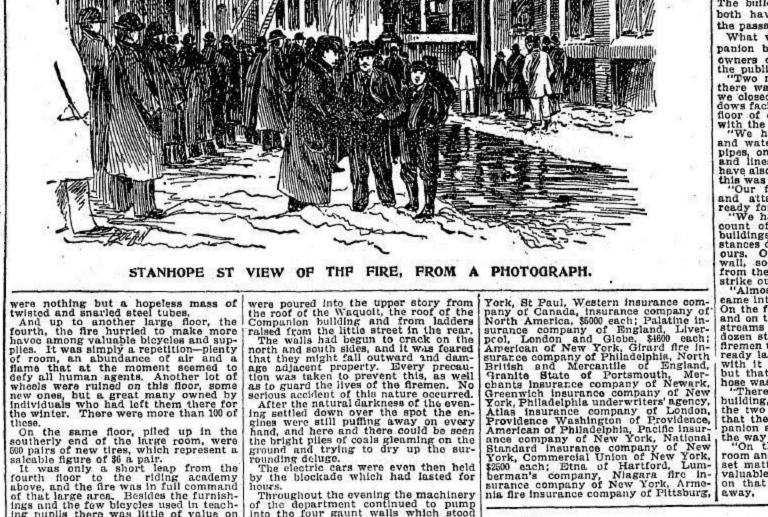
clothing, on machinery, on walks and walls.

To one standing to the north of the bicycle building at 4 o'clock it looked as if the structures on both sides of the avenue for a block were doomed to destruction. Through the haze a solid sheet of flames could be seen stretching clear across to the Howland hotel, beating against its front, then slanted upward toward its roof.

You could not distinguish in the darkness the openings between the Pope place and the great Youth's Companion building on the one side and the Wadjoined wall to wall, and if so, why then the conclusion that those structures would be swept away. Where would the end be?

Pale faces of women were at the windows of the neighboring hotels. They had packed their trunks and were fearfully watching the gallant fight to save the property. Occasionally one of them would dash into the street bearing some of her goods and chattels to a place of safety.

Passing to the narrow street in the rear of the center of the fire, dodging the spatchs from the engines, but not



by the blockade which had lasted for hours.

Throughout the evening the machinery of the department continued to pump into the four gaunt walls which stood athwart the star-lit sky, windowless, floorless and roofless. 'Twas nearly midnight before the all out was sounded and only a guard of policemen and firemen was left to keep tabs on the smoky embers. embers. TOTAL LOSS OF \$275,000. How the Insurance Companies Will Have to Share in Settlement With Owners and Occupants of Buildings. The insurances involved in the fire in the Pope building and adjoining property aggregate \$720,000. The loss on all property is set down, approximately, by underwriters at \$275,000, this by fire, The insurance on the Pope building The insurance on the Pope building and contents was placed by the John C. Paige agency, and aggregates \$220,000. The Youth's Companion insurance amounts to \$500,000, and was placed by Charles Liffler.

The building occupied by the Pope manufacturing company was owned by Albert A. Pope, was numbered 219, 221, 223 Columbus av, and was one of the finest of its kind in the country. It comprised a handsome six-story white brick structure, with terra cotta trimmings. The lot contains about \$279, 800. Of it this amount the land is taxed for \$49,000, or about \$5 per square foot.

The building was bounded by Columbus av, Morgan and Stanhope sts and an alley between it and the Youth's Companion building.

It was bought by Col Pope from the Pope manufacturing company of Malno last June.

The building was used for an office and salesroem for bleveles, and was erected by the Pope company for its exclusive use until its new factory building at Hartford, Conn., was completed. After removing to that city it still retained a salesroom in Boston.

The total insurance on this building is \$35,000, in the following companies;
Royal insurance company of Liverand contents was placed by the John C. After removing to that city it still re-tained a salesroom in Boston.
The total insurance on this building is \$135,000, in the following companies:
Royal insurance company of Liver-pool, Imperial insurance company of London, \$10,000 each; Continental insur-ance company of New York, Firemen's Fund of San Francisco, Manchester fire office of England, Scottish Union and National of Scotland, Northern fire of-



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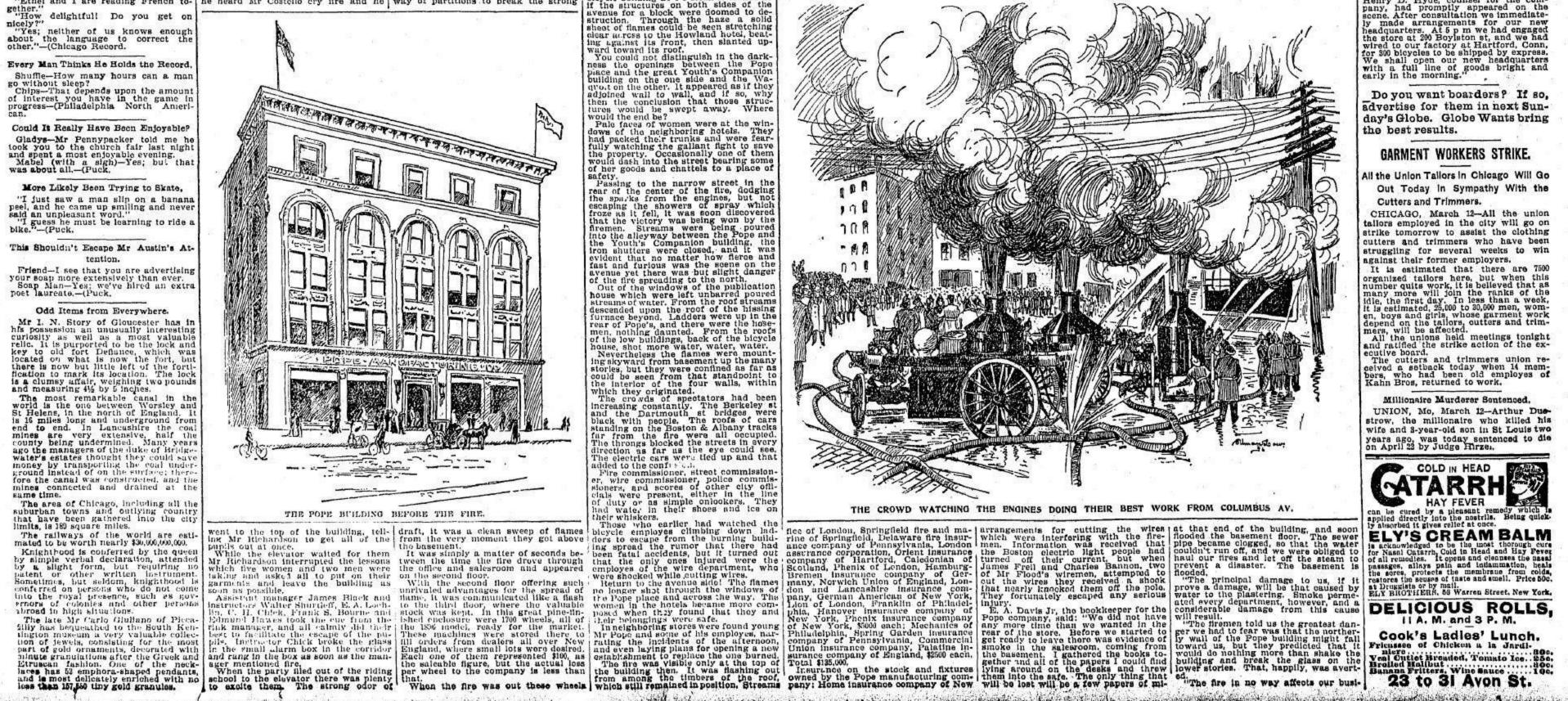
YOUTHS COMPANION

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nor consequence, perhaps, that we did not find in the excitement. When I closed the safe door it was time to leave, and I found I could not get to the coatroom. I thought I had lost my overcoat, but when I got outside I found that some kind friend had brought it out for me."

No member of the department was any more coated with ice than Col Henry S. Russell, the fire commissioner. He went about the street with a light weight overcoat and derby hat, which had been drenched and frozen, watching the work of the department. "It is not for me to say," said Col Russell, "but it seems to me that the department has done well to confine the fire to the Pope building. Considering the evident strong draft we experienced and the close proximity of the Youth's Companion building and the adjoining apartment houses the department had done very well in preventing the fire from spreading in either direction."

On the same floor with the second-"Give us more room" has been the cry for months from every section of our store, the increasing crowds. of customers making it impossible to give proper attention to each.

stock and lease of George E, Allen, 2 and 11 Winter St., the fire from spreading in either direction."

On the same floor with the secondhand goods there was a collection of
various wheels and devices showing the
history of the bicycle business. The
world's fair pavilion was also set up
there. Col Pope's office on the second
floor contained several paintings, valued
at a high price. and mechanics are now making openings to connect the stores, which will double our capacity for business. Our clerks are busy marking down the Allen Stock How the Flames Were Fought from the to prices that will surprise the most incredible when we

FIREMEN USED THE WINDOWS.

Rushed Into Vaults.

To meet this growing demand, we have bought the

Youth's Companion Building - Stock The Youth's Companion building is separated from the Pope building by a begin the great Clearance Sale on Monday next. private passageway about 12 feet wide. The buildings are of equal hight, and Salesmen and saleswomen of good both have windows looking out upon experience wanted in every depart-Apply on Friday between 9 and 11

5, 7, 9 and II Winter St. ness. You see we are always several weeks ahead of our publication day, and even if our plant should be destroyed, we have our machinery in duplicate or triplicate. The fire forced us to suspend business for the rest of the afternoon. That is all."

The buildings are of equal hight, and both have windows looking out upon the passageway.

What was done in the Youth's Companion building is told by one of the owners of the building, a member of the publishing firm:

"Two minutes after we learned that there was a fire in the Pope building, we closed the iron shutters on all windows facing the burning building. Every floor of our building is thus protected with the exception of the first.

"We have our own fire department and water supply. We have two stand pipes, one at each end of the building, and lines of hose on every floor. We have also our own fire alarm service, but this was not used.

"Our fire department laid the hose and attached it to the water pipes ready for instant use.

"We had a certain advantage on account of the construction of the two buildings, for in none but two instances do their windows stand opposite ours. Opposite the windows was solid wall, so that when the flames burst from the Pope building they could only strike our fire wall.

"Almost from the first the firemen eame into our buildings to fight the fire. On the fourth floor, on the second floor, and on the roof there were a number of streams played on the fire, about a dozen streams. On the fourth floor the firemen used our hose because it was already laid, and they could get to work with it quicker than with their own, but that was the only case where our hose was used.

"There are about 400 employes in the building, almost evenly divided between the two ends. And I want to say here that the employes of the Youth's Companion acted nobly. They were cool all the way through.

"On the top floor is the composing room and art department. We moved all the way through. WARMED SEVERAL HOTELS. Many People Got Excited, Some Enjoyed the Sight, and at No Time was There Any Real Danger. For nealy 30 minutes it looked as if the Howland hotel, directly opposite the burning building, and the Hoffman house, adjoining the Howland, would be From the Hoffman house the scene was one of rare splendor. The entire front was lighted up, as the flames were reflected from its many windows. The

reflected from its many windows. The firemen, however, kept up a steady stream of water on both buildings. Inside the Howland there was considerable exotement. Every one in the place made haste preparations for moving out. The kridge of the Howland was once in serious danger, as the open space formed by the railroad tracks gave the flames a better chance of spreading, when the wind was in that direction.

The Hoffman house, although heated by the fire, was comparatively safe. the way through.

"On the top floor is the composing room and art department. We moved all set matter, all plates and cuts, and all valuable movable matter into the vaults on that floor, and stored them safely The Hoffman house, although heated by the fire, was comparatively safe, not being actually in the line of the flames, thept when the wind shifted, but all through the house there was more excitement. The windows of the hotel were heated and the sightseers on the Columbus av side had to stand in the middle of the rooms, fearing every moment that the windows would be smashed by the flames.

From the windows of the Hoffman house every movement in the Youth's From the windows of the Hoffman house every movement in the Youth's Companion building was watched with interest, for several times the breeze fanned the flames across Stanhope st.

Both in the Howland and the Hoffman every precaution was quickly taken to meet the flames and to deal with the fire if it should catch the buildings.

At the southerly end of the Pope building and separated from it by Stanhope st, is the Waquoit, a white marble apartment house. Fortunately for this building the wind carried the sparks and flame away from it, but even so, the heat was so intense that the windows on the second, third and fourth floors were cracked. SECURED NEW HEADQUARTERS.

"On the next floor is the manufacturing department, where the papers are bound and folded, and we followed the same course on this floor, placing everything movable in the vaults. Hose was played from this floor, and there was a good deal of water on it. If it soaks through the plastering so that the building will have to be replastered the loss will be very serious. But we can't tell tonight what the result will be.

"The third floor is occupied by the premium department. There was some water on this floor, and a good deal of smoke, and while we put a good deal of stock in the fireproof vaults before the fire had made very great headway, there were some things that we may find to be damaged when we make an examination.

"The second floor was used for a stock room. Here also the firemen were at work, and there was a good deal of water and smoke.

"The correspondence room, on the Manager Pope Proved Himself a Hustler, Engaging a Store on Boylston St Before the Fire Was Extinguished. Albert L. Pope, manager of the Boston branch of the Pope manufacturing company, made the following statement "We have been unable as yet to ascertain the origin of our fire, and I doubt if we ever learn positively, "Aside from the actual loss of wheels on hand ready for the spring trade, the disarrangement of our spring plans was a very serious matter. However, the Pope company does not succumb even building can hardly be estimated accurately. It is said to be about \$10,000. Indid to be damaged when we make an examination. "The second floor was used for a stock room. Here also the firemen were at work, and there was a good deal of water and smoke. "The correspondence room, on the partiest floor, was not at all damaged as far as can be seen now." "Our engine and boiler are in the basement at that end of the building. The water poured down the fire escape stairs are consultation we immediately and promptly appeared on the scene, and at once made the room of the fire department and promptly to the Do you want boarders? If so, advertise for them in next Sunday's Globe. Globe Wants bring the best results.

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