

HOSEMAN LAILOR KILLED AT FIRE

Two Others Hurt Fighting Paper District Blaze

Men and Women Employes Escape —Loss More Than \$100,000

Hoseman Frank Lailor of Engine 31, of 115 Howard av Roxbury, died yesterday noon as a result of being injured while fighting a four-alarm fire at 7 Sears st, in the heart of the wholesale paper district, early yesterday morning. Deputy District Chief Taber was struck by falling glass and sent to the Relief Hospital and Ladderm in James O'Connell of Ladder 13 was cut in the face by flying glass. He also was treated at the hospital.



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Lailor, who was fighting the flames from a fire escape on the second floor of the burning building, slipped on the ice and fell to the ground fracturing his hip. He died at the Relief Station at 12:50 yesterday afternoon.

The building is in the middle of a long block extending from India st to Milk st in the rear of the Chamber of Commerce. The structure was occupied by William W. Bevan Company, Inc, manufacturers and importers of paper, William R. Elliott Company, paper rulers and cutters, on the second floor; Frederick H. Paris, paper boxes, on the third floor, and McDonald & Evans, printers, on the fourth floor. The Bevan Company occupied part of the basement; the main floor, half the fourth floor and the top floor.

The fire, discovered just before 9 a m, caused a loss estimated in excess of \$100,000.

The building was filled with workmen and women when James Kelley, shipper for the Bevan Co. smelled smoke that was pouring from the basement and notified Thomas F. McDevitt, office manager. The elevator well was then filled with smoke.

Manager McDevitt shouted the alarm and rushed to the third floor, where 17 girls were employed in the Frederick H. Paris establishment. They, with the other employes and occupants, made a hasty exit. James Heffernan and Walter Collins, at work in the basement, found themselves trapped, but with an iron bar they broke through a plate glass window and escaped.

When the first firemen arrived at the building it was almost entirely in flames. The extreme cold handicapped them. Their clothing stiffened with ice in a short time and soon the streets,

stairs and fire escapes became sheets of ice. A frozen hydrant and low pressure also served to hamper the work of the fire fighters, but stout firewalls held the flames within the confines of the Bevan building.

Twenty-five horses of the Metropolitan stables were harnessed and removed pumps and wagons to places of safety, while occupants of adjoining buildings also started to remove their valuables. Hot coffee was served to the firemen by the W. S. Quimby Company and Chase & Sanborn.

Hoseman Frank L. Lailor of Engine 31, was born in the West End about 24 years ago. He had been a member of the Fire Department only four months. Prior to that, for some 16 or 18 months, he was a member of the Boston Protective Department, located at the Purchase-st house. He is survived by a wife and two children, Francis aged 4, and Robert aged 3.