

# ONE KILLED AND THREE INJURED.

## Fatality at Fire Last Night.

## D. L. Shea Met His Death.

## Walked Over Edge of Roof.

## Thick Smoke Cost One Fireman's Life.

## Two Thrown from Ladders.

## Loss of \$50,000 on Atlantic Av.

### **KILLED.**

Daniel L. Shea, fireman, 23 years old, of 246 West 5th st, South Boston, detailed as driver for District Chief Hussey. Fell from the roof of six-story building.

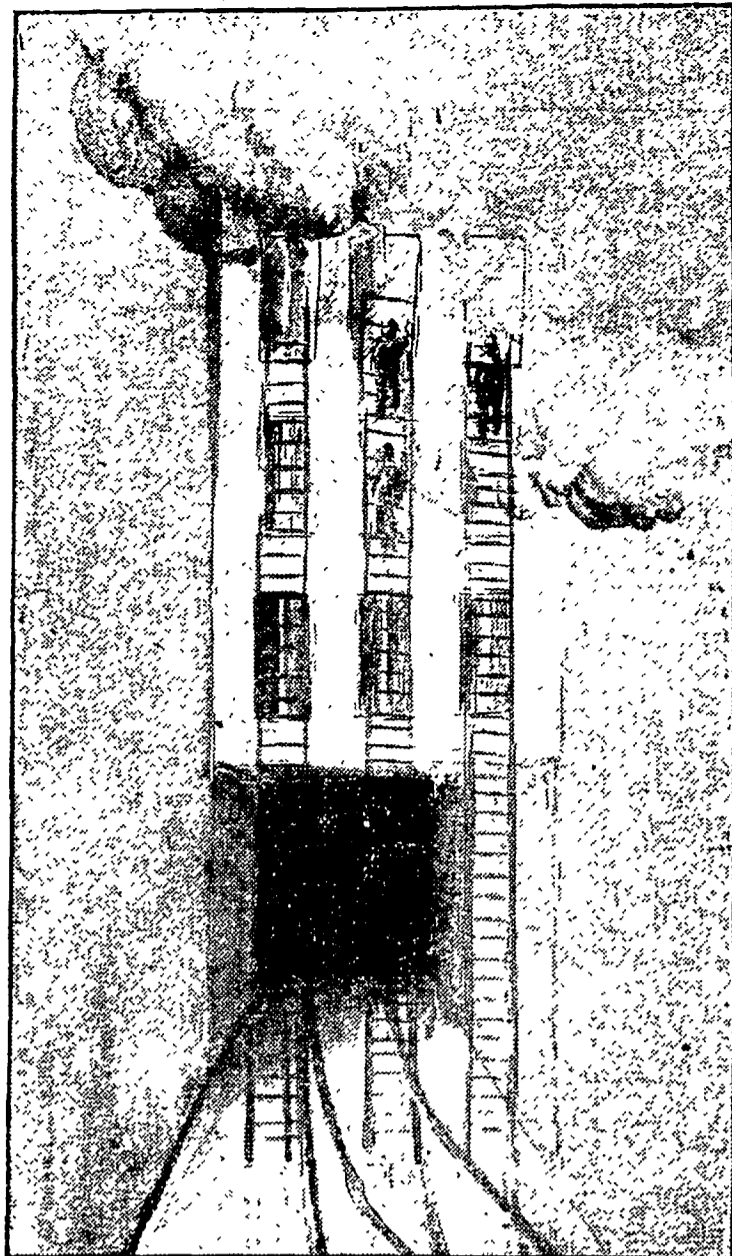
### **INJURED.**

W. J. Miller of engine 44 (the fire boat), fell from a ladder, leg injured.

John E. Donahue of engine 15, head cut open by falling glass.

John Frazier of 26 Lynde st, cut in left arm by falling glass. He is a foreman in C. F. Holden's machine factory in the

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FIGHTING ATLANTIC-AV FIRE UNDER DIFFICULTIES.

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building where the fire was, and was trying to enter when a hot air explosion blew out the windows.

One fireman was killed and two others and a civilian were injured last evening at a fire in the five-story brick building at 390-400 Atlantic av, which burned for more than two hours and caused a loss of probably \$50,000.

Daniel L. Shea, the fireman who was killed, was 23 years old, and was detailed as a driver of Dist Chief Hussey's wagon. About an hour after the fire started, and while it was still under good headway, Shea went onto the roof of the six-story building in the rear of the one where the fire was burning.

He carried a lantern in his hand, but the smoke was so thick up there that he couldn't see when he came to the edge of the roof, and he walked off into space.

Shea's body struck against a ladder about 15 feet from the ground, and then bounded off, only to land with great violence on the paved court in the rear of the burning building. Other firemen rushed to his side and found him unconscious. They carried him out into Atlantic av, where the police ambulance of division 1 was waiting, and after two fire department surgeons had examined Shea and found he was still breathing, the injured man was lifted into the ambulance and, in charge of patrolman Martin King was hurried to the City hospital relief station.

At the hospital the surgeons said Shea had a fractured hip, a compound fracture of one forearm and a fracture of the pelvis, besides probable internal injuries, and that he could not live.

Shea died at 9 o'clock without having regained consciousness.

### Other Accidents.

When the fire boat ran up to the wharf in the rear of the burning building the men of its crew attacked the fire from the water side, in company of firemen from the land companies. W. J. Miller of the fire boat climbed one of the ladders and was up just above the second story when a hot air explosion blew him off the ladder and he fell into the court, injuring his left leg severely. A fire department surgeon bandaged him up, but he refused to go off duty, and stayed until the fire boat was relieved from service.

Hoseman John E. Donahue of engine 15 was directing a stream into the building when another explosion of hot air blew out a window and a piece of the falling glass ripped open his scalp for two inches on the back of his head. Dr E. W. Groll, one of the fire department surgeons, dressed his wound on the sidewalk, and advised Donahue to go to a hospital, but he refused to do so and returned to duty.

John Frazier of 26 Lynde st, who is employed as a foreman by C. F. Holden, a machinist in the building, was trying to get into his employer's place of business when a piece of falling glass struck him in the left forearm, and going through his overcoat, coat and two shirts, cut a deep gash in the arm. His wound was dressed in the street by Dr Groll, but Frazier refused to go to a hospital for a thorough dressing until the fire was all out.

No one seemed to know last night just what caused the fire, but there appeared to be no dispute that it started in the south end of the fourth floor, all of which is occupied by the Chase-Shawmut company, manufacturers of and dealers in general electric appliances. The fire was confined wholly to that floor, as an examination of the building after it was out showed, but it made such a tremendous amount of smoke that to the spectators in the avenue it looked as though all three of the upper floors were afire at the same time.

### Firemen's Good Work.

Exceptionally good work on the part of the firemen kept the fire confined to the fourth floor, and while the heaviest damage was done there, there was also a great deal, from water principally, on the lower floors. Fourteen streams of water were poured in from the front of the building, and there were almost as many streams run in from the rear, including two powerful streams of salt water, thrown from the fire boat, which ran down and tied to the wharf directly in the rear of the burning building.

There is an annex, six stories in height, in the rear of the building, facing Atlantic av, where the fire started, but a combination of good work on the part of the firemen and iron doors and shutters on the rear of the building kept the fire out of the annex.

It was a particularly hard fire for the department to some extent, because there was so much of some sort of material in the electrical workshop that made a stifling, overwhelming smoke, that the firemen couldn't live in the building and had to fight the blaze from the aerial ladders, the roof of the building in the rear and from the window sills.

The protective department used a large number of covers on the floors below the fourth, but there was so much water thrown into the building that the damage from that source will be considerable.

On the ground floor of the building, facing Atlantic av, the Chase-Shawmut company had its office at 390, and the store at 392 was vacant. At 394 was the general entrance to the building. The store at 396 was vacant. At 398 was the

cigar store of Nagle & Wilson, and what would have been No. 400 was a driveway through which teams went to the building in the rear and to a wharf. The driveway gave the firemen their best chance to get at the fire, most of which was in the rear of the building.

### Some of the Losers.

On the second floor most of the offices were vacant, but D. H. Bradley, a manufacturers' agent, who had a small amount of goods of various kinds on hand, was one of the occupants, and some space there was also occupied by F. M. Keith, manufacturer of refrigerators, and the Abbott-Downing carriage company of Concord, N H. This company also occupied much space in the rear building, but their damage there will be trifling, if any at all. In the Atlantic-av building this company had a considerable number of fine carriages for show purposes.

Charles P. Holden, machinist, occupied all of the third floor. He got to the building before the fire was out, and told a reporter that he had from \$40,000 to \$50,000 worth of stock in the main building and annex, the greater part of it in the main building, and, while he couldn't tell definitely what his loss would be, he said it would be heavy, as his property would suffer greatly from the dampness, no matter how carefully the machinery had been covered with rubber blankets by the protective department. Mr Holden said he was fully covered by insurance. His loss will probably be somewhere in the neighborhood of \$10,000.

The fifth floor of the building was unoccupied, except that there was a little machinery stored there.

The heaviest loss will fall on the Chase-Shawmut company, and their damage was estimated late last night as something like \$30,000. Probably the damage to the building will amount to \$5000, and around \$5000 ought to cover the losses of the Nagle & Wilson cigar store and the tenants in other parts of the building.

The building is owned by C. F. Adams 2d and others, trustees. Early on the morning of Feb 1, this year, there was a fire in the same building, which caused a total loss estimated at more than \$170,000. That fire started before 5 o'clock in the morning, and rendered four alarms necessary. Several of the firms which suffered heavily in that fire sought quarters elsewhere after the blaze, and the building had not since been filled to its capacity with tenants.

After the fire was out Frazier went to the Emergency hospital, where 10 stitches were taken in the wound in his arm.

## BRAVE YOUNG MAN.

Daniel Leo Shea, Who Was Killed at Last Night's Fire, Well Known and Popular.

Daniel Leo Shea, the young fireman who was killed last evening at the Fort Hill fire, resided with his parents at 246 West Fifth st, South Boston.

He was born in Ireland in 1880, and at an early age came to this country. He attended the grammar schools of this city and graduated from the Lawrence grammar school of South Boston. He early evidenced a desire to become a fireman, and in 1898 his wish was gratified, as he was appointed driver to chief Hussey.



DANIEL LEO SHEA, Killed at Last Night's Fire.

He was exceptionally popular with his associates, and his death came as a severe blow to them. All over the city expressions of sorrow were heard, and his friends in South Boston were dumfounded by the news.

The report of his injury was conveyed to his family early in the evening, and they were much alarmed. When later his death was announced his mother was almost prostrated. Friends hurriedly gathered at the residence and did all in their power to comfort her, but their efforts seemed futile, as the boy, who was the second youngest child, was her favorite.

Young Shea was one of the most daring firefighters connected with the Mason-st quarters, being cool and fearless and ever ready to battle with the flames.

On Sunday morning he attended church and received holy communion. This in itself was a great consolation to the family.

A pathetic incident in connection with his death was the fact that he was to be appointed a regular fireman within the next two weeks, having passed the examination with a high percentage. He is survived by his aged parents, by four brothers, one of them patrolman Dennis Shea of division 5, and three sisters.

The body was conveyed to his late residence at midnight.