

GLOBE LATEST 7:30 O'CLOCK

THROUGH THE STIFLING SMOKE

District Chief Keyes Bore Aged Woman to Safety at East Boston Fire.

One of the liveliest and most threatening tenement-house fires which the East Boston firemen have had to combat for many months broke out shortly before 10 this forenoon in the large



DISTRICT CHIEF KEYES.

three-story wooden apartment house, 252 Maverick st., owned by Thomas McCormick, and occupied on the second floor where the fire started by John Bradley.

District Chief Patrick E. Keyes, who was one of the first of the firemen to reach the scene, made a daring rescue, succeeding in pushing his way up the front stairway to one of the front rooms on the second floor and bringing safely to the street a woman over 70 years old, whose name is not known. The chief on reaching the street handed the woman over to citizens and she was conveyed to the house of a neighbor and cared for.

The house is located very near the end of the street at what is generally termed the "point." The lower floor is unoccupied, but the other two tenements are occupied. This morning the families suffered from frozen water pipes and while thawing them out the fire started in the rear portion of the lower floor. Before it could be realized the entire rear of the house seemed to be filled with smoke and flames were peering from the windows. A citizen ran to box 614 and pulled in an alarm. This brought engines 3, 5 and 6, ladder company 2 and chemical engine 7 to the scene. Chief Keyes also responded with this apparatus.

When the latter reached the house some one on the street said that an elderly woman was the only person in the house and she was on the second floor. The front stairway was then a cloud of blinding and stifling smoke and the chief had the hardest of difficulty in making his way. When he got to the landing on the second floor he heard the groans of the woman and he immediately knew she was in the front of the house.

Feeling his way he found her in a corner of the room. She was thoroughly frightened and was suffering much from the smoke. At first she resisted and did not want to go with the chief. The latter opened the window and was about to take the woman down over a ladder, but she didn't like that, so he went back through the blinding smoke again and safely conveyed the woman to the street.

Chief Keyes, in his modest and unassuming way, didn't care to talk about the rescue, saying he merely did his duty.

On the arrival of the firemen ladders were raised and each of the engine companies laid several lines of hose. The fire burned fiercely for over an hour.

The damage amounted to about \$300 on the building and \$200 on the contents.

St. Alphonsus hall, Smith st. this evening under the auspices of the Young Women's Mission church association.

At a meeting of St. Patrick's temperance society last night arrangements were made for a parade prior to the rally to be held in the Vine-st church next Friday evening.

ENCOURAGING TO COLOMBIA.

Congressman Crumpacker Claims That Attitude of Democratic Party Has that Effect.

WASHINGTON, Dec 14—The house today on convening went into committee of the whole for further consideration of the pension appropriation bill. Mr Crumpacker, the first speaker, addressed himself to the Panama question, saying that the attacks on the conduct of this government in connection with the new republic were unwarranted by the facts.

He said that while there was no purpose on the part of individual members of the minority to foment trouble, yet the attitude of the party would give encouragement to Colombia.

MORE AGAINST GEN WOOD.

Maj J. E. Runcie, Gen G. H. Burton and Alexis E. Frye Testify Regarding His Acts in Cuba.

WASHINGTON, Dec 15—The senate committee on military affairs resumed its hearing in the Gen Wood case today, with Maj J. E. Runcie as the first witness. He was asked a number of questions concerning the origin of the magazine article reflecting on Gen Brooke's administration, and stood by his former testimony to the effect that Gen Wood had knowledge of the story and that it was prepared practically at his suggestion and dictation.

The second witness, Gen George H. Burton, occupied the position of inspector general in Cuba under the administration of Gen Wood, and it was he who discovered the postal frauds. Gen Burton said that the discovery of the postal frauds was made in April, 1900, and that it was two weeks or more later when the order was issued by Gen Wood changing the jurisdiction and powers of the court.

Alexis E. Frye, formerly superintendent of public instruction of Cuba, told the committee that the schools of Cuba were organized under laws issued by Gen Brooke, and that an order making a cut in salaries of teachers was issued by Gen Wood. He declared that there had been a breach of faith on the part of Gen Wood which interfered with the efficiency of the schools. He asserted that Gen Wood was untruthful in many matters affecting public affairs.

IN FANEUIL HALL.

Evangelist Frederick Shivera Holds First of Noon Gospel Meetings—Many Present.

Evangelist Frederick Shivera was converted under the preaching of Dwight L. Moody 25 years ago, and began work the very next day. Now, since the death of Moody, he is perhaps speaking to more men every year than anybody else in America.

He is at work in Boston this week, at noon in Faneuil hall, under the auspices of the Christian church on Kinsland st. and in the evenings at the Ruggies-st church. The first of four noon meetings in the cradle of liberty occurred today.

W. T. Paunce was the spokesman, the music was led by C. W. Goodwin and by Miss Achman's cornet. Rev Dr L. B. Bates presided.

Rev J. D. Pickles predicted and welcomed an old-fashioned revival, remarking that on Sunday night nearly his whole congregation was at the altar, and Rev D. L. Martin of the Christian church uttered warm greetings to the 400 present.

Dr Bates, in introducing Mr Shivera, said a cloud of mercy was gathering, and he hoped it would burst over Faneuil hall.

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