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(American News Service)
Boston, Aug. 10.—Eighteen persons, 15 of them firemen, are in the hospital today, twelve buildings are in ruins, twenty-five badly damaged, and two acres of ground are burned over, as the result of two fires late last night, one in the South End lumber district and the other in the leather district in the heart of the city.

Dynamite was used to stop the fire in the lumber district early this morning after aid had been summoned from surrounding cities. The loss in the two fires will be fully \$1,500,000.

Smoking ruins today revealed the vast extent of the conflagration which swept the South End lumber section and disclosed how narrow was Boston's escape from a repetition of the great fire of 1872. It was the worst fire here in 21 years.

Fire Burns Quickly.

So thoroughly did the fire do its work that only bare heaps of smouldering ashes remain of what were large wood working establishments and piles stacked high with valuable consignments of lumber.

Both sides of Albany street from Dover street to the Randolph play ground, where the fire was checked, is in ruins. On the other side the fire burned clean down to the water's edge.

Fifteen firemen and three citizens were injured during the conflagration and are all resting comfortably. Six firemen for whom fears had been entertained during the night are now pronounced out of danger.

The fire started in the lumber yards of Blacker & Shepherd on the water front and burned up 100,000 feet of lumber, and the company's buildings, spread to the wharf of the American Coal company and burned 2,000 tons of coal and then, leaping Albany street destroyed wood working establishments and dwellings. The fire department headquarters on Bristol street was saved by the use of a water curtain.

Navy Leaves Dynamite.

Buildings all around it were destroyed. Dynamite sent from the navy yard at Charleston was used to blow up buildings in the pathway of the flames and aided in preventing the spread of the fire to the business section of the city.

Fourteen cities and towns sent help. These out-of-town companies were called upon to fight a threatening fire in the leather district just as the big fire in the lumber district was raging. The five story brick building 55 to 59 High street, near the South Terminal railroad station, occupied by the H. W. John-Manville company, dealers in asbestos and magnesia products, was damaged to the extent of \$100,000.

CONVENTION NOW ON

(American News Service)
Boston, Aug. 10.—The fortieth annual convention of the Catholic Total Abstinence Union of America began today when the thousand or more delegates, many of whom have been in the city several days, engaged in committee work in connection with the convention, assembled in Faneuil Hall for the formal opening exercises. Prior to taking up the regular program of business, the delegates attended the celebration of a solemn pontifical mass at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross. The Most Reverend Diomedes Falconio, apostolical delegate to America, was the celebrant, and Archbishop O'Connell preached the sermon and delivered the address of welcome.

From the cathedral the delegates marched to Faneuil Hall where Governor Draper welcomed them in behalf of the State of Massachusetts and Mayor Fitzgerald extended a greeting for the city of Boston. The convention then proceeded to the work of organization with the president Peter J. O'Callaghan of Chicago, in the chair.

The convention will remain in session until the end of the week. Special features of the program include a great night temperance parade, a big open-air athletic meet, competitive drills and a great temperance rally at which John Mitchell, the labor leader, and other speakers of note will be heard.

OSCEOLA CELEBRATES.

The fortieth anniversary of the Osceola tribe of Red Men will be held this evening. An informal program will be rendered, including responses to toasts by different members and musical selections. It is expected that all members and their families will be in attendance.

\$1.50 for Chautauqua Tickets.
Buy them now.

Old Joe Gans, Master Pugilist, Hears the Count of Ten of Great Referees

Baltimore, Md., Aug. 10.—Joe Gans, the famous pugilist, died at eight o'clock this morning.

During the last two days he had been able to take very little nourishment, which, as a result, had caused his remaining strength to ebb away.

RECORD OF JOE GANS.

1900.

February 9, Spike Sullivan, won, 14 rounds.

March 22, Frank Erne, lost, 12 rounds.

May 25, Dal Hawkins, knocked out, 2 rounds.

August 31, Dal Hawkins, knocked out, 3 rounds.

October 2, George McFadden, decision, 10 rounds.

October 19, Spider Kelly, won, 8 rounds.

December 13, Terry McGovern, knocked out, 2 rounds.

1901.

April 1, Martin Flaherty, won, 4 rounds.

May 1, Bobby Dobbs, knocked out, 7 rounds.

September 30, Joe Handier, knocked out, 1 round.

1902.

May 12, Frank Erne, knocked out, 1 round.

June 27, George McFadden, won, 3 rounds.

July 24, Rufe Turner, knocked out, 15 rounds.

October 13, Kid McPartland, knocked out, 5 rounds.

1903.

May 13, Tommy Tracey, won, 9 rounds.

May 28, Willie Fitzgerald, knocked out, 10 rounds.

December 8, Sam Langford, lost, 15 rounds.

1904.

January 12, Willie Fitzgerald, won, 10 rounds.

February 2, Mike Ward, won, 10 rounds.

March 25, Jack Blackburn, won, 15 rounds.

June 14, Sammy Smith, won, 14 rounds.

September 30, Joe Walcott, decision, 20 rounds.

October 31, Jimmy Britt, won on foul, 5 rounds.

1905.

September 16, Mike Sullivan, decision, 15 rounds.

1906.

January 19, Mike Sullivan, knocked out, 15 rounds.

March 17, Mike Sullivan, won, 10 rounds.

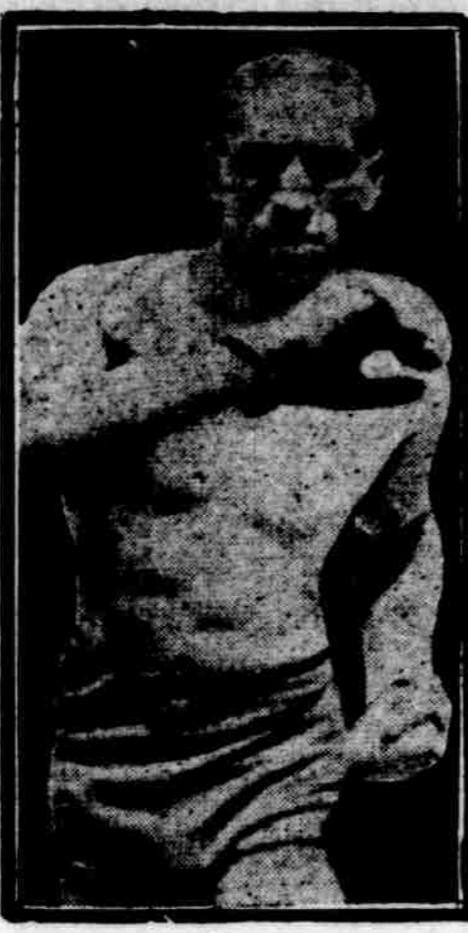
July 3, Dave Holly, won, 20 rounds.

September 3, Battling Nelson, won on foul, 42 rounds.

1907.

January 2, Kid Herman, knocked out, 8 rounds.

September 9, Jimmy Britt, decision, 5 rounds.



JOE GANS.

September 27, George Memsic, decision, 20 rounds.

1908.

April 1, Spike Robinson, knocked out, 3 rounds.

May 14, Rudolph Unholz, decision, 11 rounds.

July 4, Battling Nelson, lost, 21 rounds.

1909.

March 13, Jabez White, knocked out, 10 rounds.

Sketch of His Life.

In all the annals of pugilism there is no record of a more remarkable or picturesque figure than that of Joe Gans, the Baltimore fighter, who has just passed away, and up until his final defeat by Battling Nelson, in 1908, was justly deemed one of the most scientific aggressive and game fighters that ever donned the gloves.

Gans often declared he did not know his exact age. He reckoned that 1874 was about the year of his birth. He began fighting in an amateurish way about 1890. For the following ten years he engaged in over 125 battles, easily defeating men of minor reputation. Had he been directed right at this time, he would have easily forged to the front and become champion years before he finally achieved that coveted distinction.

The trouble was, Gans became mixed up with his manager in a series of "lay down" or fake fights, in which he might readily have gained the victory, but in which—as he always said at his manager's solicitation—he de-

manded a fight with Jack Johnson for the championship.

Gans was married three times. In 1900 he wedded Miss Madge Wadkins of Cincinnati, a member of a negro theatrical company. In 1908 the announcement of his third marriage—this time to Miss Martha Davis of Baltimore was made. The exact cause of Gans' death may be learnedly filed by the physicians, but Father Time and the pummelings received in over 150 ring battles, do not leave much doubt as to what finally laid the once great fighter away.

Fight with Nelson.

After his last battle with Battling Nelson, Gans went west and reports came east almost immediately that the beating he had received and the strain to train down had undermined his constitution. Gans denied the reports, but sporting men who met him declared him to be but a shadow of his former self.

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