

SIX HURT IN CRASH RUSHING TO FIRE

Protective Truck in Collision With Auto on Columbus Av

Couple in Motor Escapes—Truck Burns Fiercely in Street After Smash

Protective Truck 3 of the Boston Protective Department was in collision at 8:30 last evening with a touring car on Columbus av, at the junction of Ritchie st, Roxbury, while hastening to a still alarm for a fire at Egleston Square. The truck overturned, throwing six members of the protective company to the street, causing injuries to all of them.

As the truck was overturned on the center of the Columbus av car tracks, the Elevated Railway service truck was summoned and the protective truck was pushed toward the side of the street.

While being moved a fire started in the protective truck, as the gasoline which was flowing from the tank became ignited.

The Elevated truck pulled away to escape the flames and the protective truck was left in the middle of the street, a mass of flames.

Crowd Watches the Blaze

A crowd of 500 persons was attracted to the scene by the accident and they were treated to the unusual spectacle of a Protective truck ablaze, with members of the Protective department standing around it powerless to combat the flames, as the Protective company carries no fire-fighting apparatus. Street car traffic was tied up for fully half an hour.

Patrolmen Salvatore and Gilmore of the Roxbury Crossing Station sounded an alarm at 9 o'clock and five minutes later about 20 pieces of apparatus responded to extinguish the blaze in the truck. The fire was soon under control.

The truck was badly damaged by the force of the collision with the touring car and suffered further injury when it was overturned on the street.

The touring car was operated by George L. Bader of 25 King st, Dor-

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Chester, who was accompanied by his wife, Barbara. The truck was operated by William Bower.

Bader was proceeding down Ritchie st and had turned into Columbus av towards Roxbury Crossing. The Protective was going out Columbus av in response to a still alarm for a rubbish fire.

Couple Escapes Unhurt

Bader was unable to avoid collision with the truck. The mudguards of his machine, the front lights and engine were smashed, but he and his wife escaped injury, seemingly by a miracle.

The men on the Protective truck were thrown to the street. They were Capt Swift, William Bower, Herbert Benton, William Benton, Patrick J. Donovan and Arthur O'Neil. None was seriously injured, although all suffered numerous contusions and abrasions. They refused to be taken to a hospital and were treated at their headquarters on Roxbury st.

The truck was whirled nearly half way around by the collision, as it was going fast. Persons walking along Columbus av screamed with fright as the heavy truck whirled after the collision and then crashed to the ground.

Total damage to the truck was estimated at \$500. The damage to the touring car was fixed at the same figure.