

# BOSTON FIREMEN PROVE EFFICIENCY AFTER PARADE

## Fine Demonstration Witnessed By Huge Crowd Near South Station—Lines Laid 1 1-2 Minutes After Mayor Sounds Alarm

### Engines on Hand In Fast Time

### Fireboats Send Big Streams High in Air

### Marchers Are Reviewed by Governor and Mayor

### Veterans With Buckets and Handtub Also in Line

The Boston Fire Department yesterday afternoon, following a parade during which the men and apparatus were reviewed at the State House by Gov Coolidge and at City Hall by Mayor Peters and Fire Commissioner John R. Murphy, demonstrated to thousands of people the reason why the department is classed among the best in the world.

The demonstration was staged on Dorchester av. between Congress and Summer sts, in the rear of the South Station. Mayor Peters rung in an alarm from box 1411, Congress st and Dorchester av, which brought to the scene the complement of apparatus which responds to alarms from this box.

In 1 minute and 30 seconds from the pulling of the hook in the box Engine Company 25 arrived from Fort Hill sq, laid two lines of hose from the wagon, connected them to the engine and wagon gun and had water passing through the nozzle.

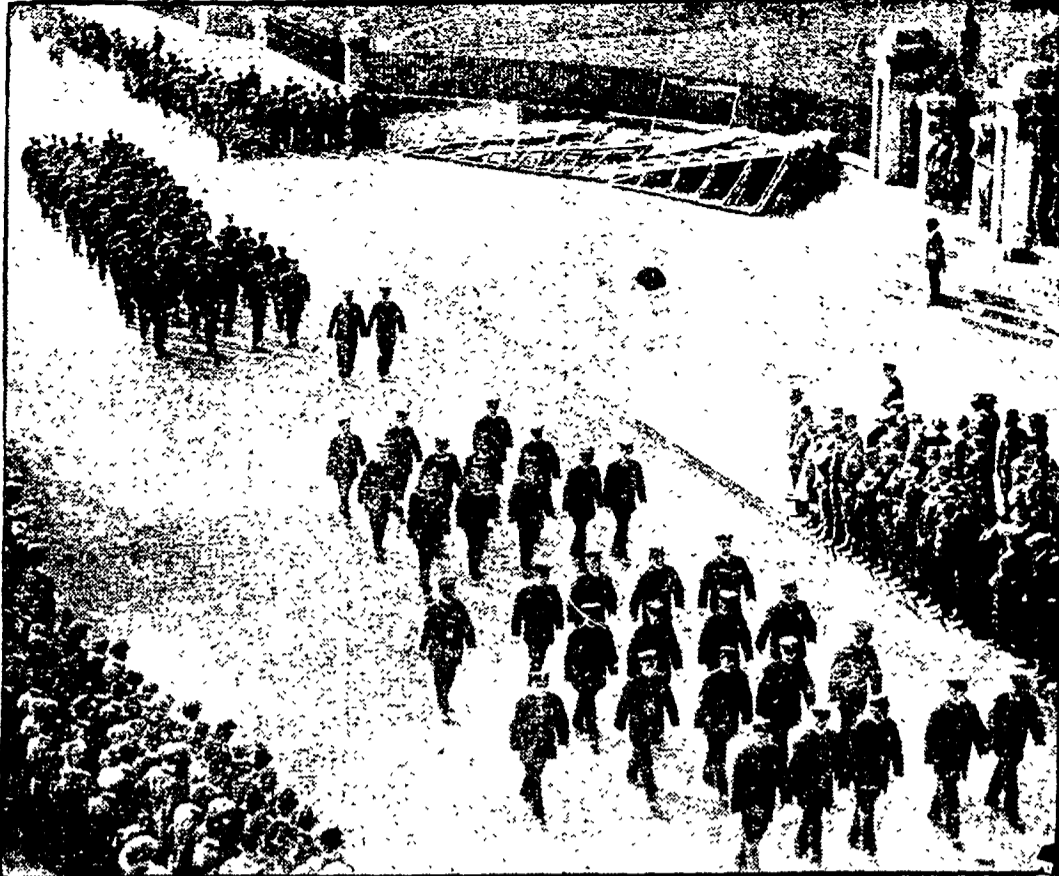
#### **Bucket Brigade**

The parade was spectacular, the lead being taken by the 101st band, followed by Chief of Dept. Peter E. Walsh and staff, the Charlestown

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# FIREMEN PASS IN REVIEW BEFORE GOV. COOLIDGE AND STAFF AT STATE HOUSE



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vets, with their hand engine, and a delegation representing the old days with the buckets. These men were dressed in Colonial costumes and were the hit of the parade.

Following the vets came the regular firemen, more than 300 of whom, officers and privates, gave up their day-off, and volunteered to parade, for the purpose of impressing on the people of this city the need for care in handling and preventing fire.

The marching men were followed by the horse drawn apparatus, which is fast disappearing from the department. This feature consisted of a steam engine, hose wagon and city service ladder truck.

The motor apparatus came next, led by Rescue Co. 1, under the command of Lieut Daniel Hurley, with Andy Larson behind the wheel. The crew of this company rode on the machine and the gas masks, pulmometers and other life-saving apparatus was displayed.

Inspector of motor apparatus James Ryan and driver Joe Farley followed with one of the latest type 1000-gallon motor pumping engines. A combination chemical and hose wagon, high pressure hose wagon, city service motor driven ladder truck, motor driven aerial truck and other machines of the department were next in line. One of the big speedy wagons of the Boston Protective Department, under the charge of Capt Samuel McDonald, brought up the rear.

### Motors Show Power on Hill

One of the best demonstrations of the value of motor apparatus over the old horse-drawn was given on Beacon Hill. The drivers of the horse-drawn machines had to stop at the foot of the hill and wait for the marching men to get out of their way, and then were forced to take the hill with the horses galloping in order to get the heavy machines over.

The motor-driven machines never hesitated in getting over the hill, the drivers stopping and starting at their pleasure, and sending the trucks as fast or slow as the occasion required.

Frank Cook, treasurer of the Russell Fire Club, was delegated by Chief Walsh to represent the firemen on the reviewing stand with Gov Coolidge, who was accompanied by his military staff and by Councillor Lewis R. Sullivan.

With Mayor Peters and Commissioner Murphy on the reviewing stand at City Hall were Mrs Peters and two sons, Andrew J. Jr and Alanson; Mrs Murphy and daughter, Louise W., and Corporation Counsel Arthur D. Hill and son, Arthur D. Jr.

The members of the staff of Chief Walsh were Deputy Chief John O. Taber, Dist Chief Alfred Caulfield, Vet Surg Daniel F. Keough, Supt of Fire Alarm George L. Fickett, Capts Fred Brophy, Engine 5; Kelley, Ladder 12, William Levis, Engine 18, and Lieut Boutilier, Engine 6

## VETERAN FIREMEN IN LINE WITH OLD TIME HAND TUB



Deputy Chief Walter McLean was in command of the battalion made up of officers of the department; Dist Chief James McMahon, commanding first company; Capt James W. Mahoney, department drill master, commanding second company of the first battalion, with Dist Chief Allan McDonald commanding second battalion. Lieut Daniel Caddigan, in charge of the Fire Prevention Bureau, commanded inspectors and members of the bureau.

### Great Crowd Sees Demonstration

Th crowd in the vicinity of the South Station was only exceeded in numbers, since the arrival of Admiral George Dewey, by the crowd that greeted President Woodrow Wilson on his return from Europe. Chief Walsh and his staff left the head of the line and reviewed the marchers on Summer st, just below Dewey sq.

It seemed but a few seconds after the finger of the Mayor left the hook of the fire alarm box, when the bell on the machine of Acting Dist Chief Ryan was heard and he came across the Congress-st bridge closely followed by Engine 39 and Ladder 18.

At the same time, the bell on Protective 1 rang out and this machine tore around the corner of Atlantic av, into Congress st, with Supt Henry Thompson but a few yards behind, while Lieut Thomas Flannagan and the crew of Engine 25 brought this company into view from High st, with Ladder 8 a close second.

On the other side the whistle of Engine 7 was shrieking as the horses dragged this machine through Dewey sq and down Summer st, while the two big motor trucks of Engine 15 appeared about the same instant around the bend at

the lower end of the South Station on Dorchester av.

The big spring-raise Tower 1 was raised and four lines from the big engine operated by Farley soon had a stream pouring from the nozzle 65 feet above the ground, while the deck gun was pouring a ton of water into the channel.

Engine 7, the steamer, and 15, the motor-driven pump, took the same hydrant at the corner of Summer st to demonstrate the difference in the power, while the crew of the Charlestown, the hand engine, manned the brakes and worked their heads off to compete with these two machines.

### Fast Work Cheered

As each company rolled in and located, the crews jumped from the wagons and laid two lines of hose into the wagon guns. The time made by the companies was exceptionally fast and brought cheers from the spectators.

The crew of Ladder 8, placed their "big stick" against one of the high buildings and in a few seconds had men on the roof.

Ladder 18's "big stick" was raised in the middle of the street and one of the men climbed up one side and down the other.

While the companies on the land were showing their powers, the crew of Engine 44, one of the fireboats, started the powerful pumps and the streams of water were sent high into the air.

Scores of fire department officials from all sections of New England came to this city to witness the exhibition. The speed and work of the firemen who handled the apparatus at the demonstration proved the value of the drilling and efficiency system that has been inaugurated in the Boston Department.

Mayor Peters, after reviewing the parade, issued the following statement: "The members of the Fire Department made a splendid appearance in the parade, and their performance in responding to the alarm from box 1411 was an unusual demonstration of thorough training and efficiency.

"Their performance today can be the result only of a splendid morale in the department, a complete knowledge of their duties and of their responsibilities. Commissioner Murphy, Chief Walsh and each and every member of the department has my most cordial congratulations."

## HORSE-DRAWN ENGINES IN FIREMEN'S PARADE

