

NEW FIRE ORDERS FOR WATER TOWERS

More to Respond in Cases of Extra Alarms

Manning to Turn Duties Over to Casey This Noon

The failure of the running card to provide Chief John O. Taber of the Boston Fire Department with sufficient water towers to fight the big four-alarm fire at Albany, Wareham and Plimpton sts Saturday night resulted in a general order going into effect yesterday morning, which assigns towers to extra alarms on about 200 more boxes.

Under the regular running card but one tower was assigned to respond to an alarm from box 1615, at the Boston Elevated yards on Albany st, from which the alarm for the fire was sounded. The fire was of such a nature that at least two towers were needed and made it necessary for Chief Taber to order the extra apparatus by telephone.

This defect was taken up at the fire with Fire Commissioner Joseph P. Manning, who was present, by Chief Taber, and Commissioner Manning gave him authority at that time to make the necessary changes in order to have whatever apparatus he might need respond to alarms.

While provision is made in the regular running card for at least one tower to respond to all extra-alarm fires, the order issued yesterday calls for the responding of extra towers on second, third and fourth alarms. All sections of the city are included in the order, the largest number of boxes mentioned being in the South End, Back Bay and lower section of Roxbury and Jamaica Plain.

At 11 this morning Commissioner Manning will be relieved by Maj William J. Casey as head of the Boston Fire Department. In connection with this change, Mayor James M. Curley sent the following letter to Mr Manning:

"Dear Sir—In deference to your wishes, I have this day decided to accept your resignation as Acting Fire Commissioner, to take effect on April 1, 1922, at 11 a m.

"In severing your temporary connection with the Fire Department, I desire, in behalf of the people of Boston, to express the sincere appreciation which I hold in common with them for the exceptional character of service rendered by you while serving in this capacity."