

RUNAWAY HORSES IN FOUR-MILE FLIGHT

Frightened When Kingpin of Chemical 11 Breaks.

Driver Marquardt Holds Reins—Is Dragged Fifty Feet.

The breaking of the kingpin of chemical 11 yesterday afternoon near the new fire station on Callender st, Dorchester, caused one of the most exciting runaways seen in Dorchester for a long time. Both the horses of the apparatus were badly injured by coming into collision with a fence at the end of their flight, and the driver, William B. Marquardt, who was thrown at the time the kingpin broke, suffered from being dragged along the ground, his hands being badly cut.

The chemical was answering a still alarm for a grass fire on Morton st, Dorchester, at the time of the accident late in the afternoon. Just as Marquardt turned the horses from Callender st into Carlos at the pin broke, dropping the apparatus to the ground.

Marquardt was hauled over the dasher by the horses, landing flat on the ground. He pluckily clung to the reins in the hope of stopping the frightened animals, but after being dragged more than 50 feet, he was obliged to let go.

The horses, dragging only the forward trucks, started at breakneck speed down Carlos st to Norfolk st, went to the end of Norfolk st to Codman sq, dashed through the square, scattering pedestrians to right and left, ran down Center st to Dorchester av, down Dorchester av and turned up Melville av.

As they made the last turn the momentum of the animals carried them across the street and into a fence. William Burden of 365 Center st, prevented further damage by holding the animals.

One horse, the nigh one, had one of his back legs broken, and the other was badly injured by a splinter from the wagon tongue. The one with the broken leg, a handsome roan, was taken in the fire department ambulance to the hospital.

The runaways covered more than four miles, and it was by the best of good fortune that no one was injured.