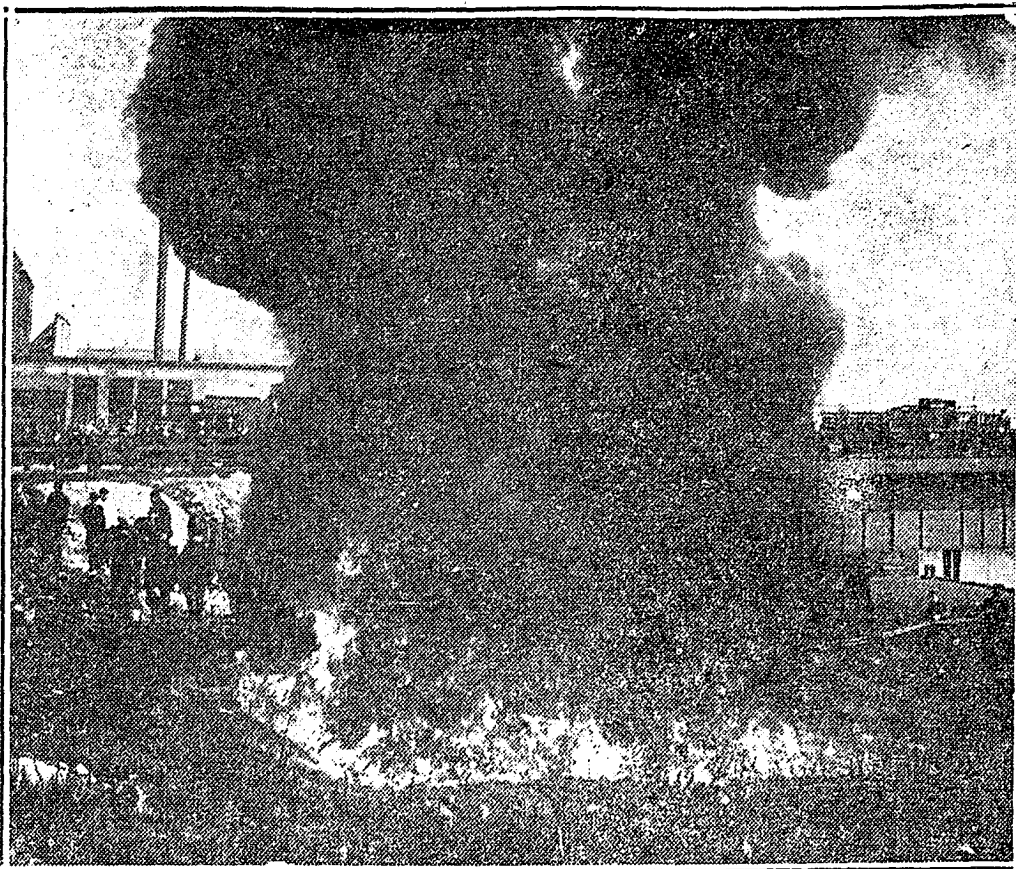


TEST NEW ENGINE TO FIGHT GASOLINE AND OIL FIRES



The newest addition to Boston's Fire Department, a special piece of apparatus for fighting oil and gasoline fires, received its initial test this morning on Albany st. The new engine, capable of carrying 1600 gallons of foamite, has been named "Foamite No 1," and its try-out before a large number of spectators was successful.

A plot of ground about 25 feet square and a foot deep was flooded with water and on the surface was floated 50 gallons of gasoline, a large quantity of oil and grease. Fire Commissioner Glynn applied a torch to the gasoline and when smoke and flame had begun to shoot

several hundred feet into the air the crew of Foamite-1, under the direction of Chief Daniel F. Sennott, applied the twin streams of the chemical at the base of the blaze.

In a moment the flames began to die out and the blaze was out in about two minutes. Three tests were made and in one of them the old chemical delivered by Engine 3 was thrown on the blaze.

Boston is the third city in the country to add the special engine to its department, New York and Baltimore being the others. In the opinion of Commissioner Glynn and Chief Sennott, it will prove a valuable aid to the department, as oil, even in dwelling and apartment houses, is coming into more use and the danger there, as well as in fac-

tory and other buildings, is on the increase.

The new engine will be housed at Fire Headquarters and answer all alarms in which oil or gasoline may be involved. There will be 10 men in the engine crew, five on each shift. Chief Sennott has not yet assigned the men.

The heads of the department, including Deputy Chiefs Edward Shallow, Henry Powers and Frank Sweeney and District Chiefs Joseph Kenney and John Kelley, as well as a number of captains and lieutenants from various companies, were at the test. Assisting Chief Sennott in the test was District Chief W. H. McCorkle and a detail from the motor squad, which handled the lines.