

A FEARFUL FIRE.

SEVEN FIREMEN KILLED AND \$150,000 DESTROYED IN BALTIMORE.

A Valuable Business Block Swept on Sunday—How Brave Men Perished—Scenes and Incidents.

A fearful conflagration visited Baltimore early Sunday morning, destroying the valuable business block bounded by Sharp, Lombard, Hanover, and West Pratt streets, and during which seven firemen lost their lives. We glean the following details from the Baltimore papers of yesterday.

THE BIG WAREHOUSE.

Fiercely the flames roared through the five stories of the iron-fronted Prior building, and then spread to the straw-lath building of M. S. Levy & Sons, No. 111 south Sharp street, and to the three-story building of J. H. Winkelman & Co., No. 105 south Sharp street, which were situated on the west side of the street.

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