



JOS. F. ERNST; ONE OF THE INJURED FIREMEN.

FOUR MEN FALL WITH CRASHING FIRE LADDER

**Escape Serious Injury at
Camden Blaze; One on
Ground Hurt**

Four firemen were shaken-up and bruised, narrowly escaping injury and one was badly cut when a ladder toppled over at a fire on the roof of one of the Victor Talking Machine Company's buildings in Camden yesterday afternoon. The blaze in a brick structure on the roof of a building at Second and Cooper streets, did not cause serious damage, but stubbornly resisted the efforts of the firemen to extinguish it for nearly two hours, while holiday crowds, formed on nearby streets, watched the spectacle.

Four firemen, of Truck Company Number 2, were on the ladder when it fell. Joseph F. Ernst, of 612 Pine street, Camden, a ladderman in Number 2 Company was struck a glancing blow by the ladder. His head and face and one shoulder were severely cut and bruised. He was taken to the Cooper Hospital.

The fire was discovered by the fire patrol of the company. For a time the fire battalion at the plant tried to extinguish the blaze, but when no headway was made an alarm was sent in.