AGED SISTERS PERISH AS FIRE SWEEPS HOME

One 82, Other 79, Victims of Blaze on North Newkirk Street

Two sisters, one eighty-two, the other seventy-nine years old, lost their lives in a fire early today at their home, 1447 North Newkirk street, where they lived by themselves.

Engine company 24, Twenty-seventh and Master streets, arrived within two minutes of the alarm, closely followed by Company 11, of 1817 Parrish street. The first sight that met the firemen was the prostrate form of Miss Eliza Koeler at the base of the stairway, sheathed in flames. They dragged her to the front of the house and began a search for the other sister.

The stairs had crumpled by this time and the firemen climbed by a ladder to the second floor and found Mrs. Josephine Rosenau suffocated in her bed. The body of Miss Koeler was horribly burned. The firemen of Company 24, under Captain Williams, took the body on their engine truck to the German Hospital. Members of Company 11 took Mrs. Rosenau to the Women's College Hospital.

In one of the upstairs rooms the police found a purse containing $19.43 and a promissory note for $8100 due April 1917.

The fire is supposed by the firemen to have been started by Miss Koeler, when she walked down stairs with a match or a candle, which set fire to her dress, then spread to curtains or wall hangings and started the woodwork of the stairway burning. Most of the damage was confined to the stairway, the head of the stairs and the bathroom. A small hole was also burned through the roof. The firemen controlled the flames without much delay.

The fire was discovered by a baker's boy, Fred Gensenyager, of Twenty-seventh and Oxford streets, who was making deliveries. He noticed smoke issuing from the keyhole and frame of the front door. Failing to make an entrance, he called for help and roused Policeman Faul, who lives on the opposite side of the street from the burned house.

Faul summoned Policeman Wiggins, of the Twenty-eighth and Oxford streets station, and the two broke in the front door, after sending in an alarm of fire.

The house is a two-story brick and is said to have been owned by Mrs. Rosenau. The sisters had lived there about seven years and had been residents of this city for many years. They are said to have been natives of Germany. They were inseparable companions.

No relatives of the two women are known to the police, and District Detectives Clegg and Farley, of the Twenty-eighth and Oxford streets station, are searching today throughout the nearby sections of the neighborhood in an effort to find traces of relatives.

The married sister had been a widow for about ten years. It is said by neighbors that she was on the constant lookout for her husband. She thought he would return to her.

VAUDEVILLE MANAGERS COUNTER ON WHITE RATS

Scouring the Country for Nonunion "Talent" to Be Used in Event of Actors' Strike

CHICAGO, Dec. 12.—Vaudeville and burlesque managers of the Middle West today are scouring the country for nonunion talent to be used in case the White Rats actors' union of America calls a threatened strike.

The White Rats are demanding recognition and a closed shop. The Vaudeville Managers' Protective Association, which is opposed to granting the demands, has adopted an attitude of silent defiance.

Indications are that if a strike does come it will be confined to the Middle West.

Woman Dies in Chair; Man Held

JOHNSTOWN, Pa., Dec. 12.—Seated in a chair, her head upon a bed, Mrs. Michael Atrschina, forty-five, was found dead. Martin Cathar, a visitor, who left but a few minutes before her body was found, has been arrested. The pair had been drinking.

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NEWS AT A GLANCE

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Manufacturers, jobbers and newspaper publishers appeared today before the Federal Trade Commission to discuss the news print paper situation.

FORT SMITH, Ark., Dec. 12.—United Mine Workers of Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas are holding their annual district election today. John Wilkinson, of Thurber, Texas, is unopposed as candidate for another term in the presidency.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 12.—Bitterly, yet quietly, a battle of ballots is being waged in the ranks of the United Mine Workers of America today. The result of the contest for district president between John R. Lawson and John McLennan will have a big influence on the contest for the national presidency, as McLennan has campaigned in defense of National President John P. White's treatment of Colorado miners in their strike.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 12.—The Southern Cotton Congress met here today, simultaneously with the Southern Commercial Congress and other bodies.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—Edward S. McGraw, Williamsport, Pa., confidential secretary to Secretary of Labor Wilson, today was admitted to practice before the Supreme Court of the United States, on motion of Solicitor General Davis.

ROME, Dec. 12.—Pope Benedict yesterday received Prince and Princess Andrea Bon Campagni in private audience. The Princess was Miss Marguerite Preston Draper, of Boston. She was recently married to Prince Bon Campagni, who is a scion of one of the oldest families of the Holy Roman nobility, with a title dating back to 1333.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Ten firemen were injured and property worth $50,000 was destroyed today in a spectacular fire in Beekman street. A five-story factory building was destroyed.

READING—When the first open-air school opens here there will be forty-three children ready to take advantage of it.

NEW HANOVER—Jolted from his wagon when the wheels skidded along the trolley tracks, Howard Kulp fractured four ribs.

COATESVILLE — John H. Kelly, of Waynesboro, Pa., was injured here when his automobile was wrecked on the Lincoln Highway. He suffered cuts and bruises. He was accompanied by his wife, who was not hurt. He was able to leave by train for his home later in the day.

COATESVILLE—Levi S. Randler, thirty-eight years old, was squeezed to death in in the Lukens mills, when he was caught between a slag pan and the furnace. He leaves a widow and two small children. He was a well-known citizen and took much interest in municipal affairs.

HARRISBURG—Claim for compensation because he was shot by a fellow employe during working hours and on the premises of the employer has been filed before Referee Saylor by John Quam, an employe of a firm of coal dealers of Harrisburg.

LANCASTER—Jacob Mumma, fifty-three years old, a city street department employe, was hit by an automobile driven by John Kuhns while crossing East King street. He died soon after being taken to a hospital.

CUMBERLAND—Because of the illness of Judge Gillan, Franklin County's regular term of Common Pleas Court will not be held this week. Last week was criminal week, and neighboring judges sat in the place of Judge Gillan. Judge Sadler, of Cumberland, and Judge McPherson, of Adams.

DOYLESTOWN—The twenty-three students from Bucks county attending the Pennsylvania State College have organized a county club. Officers for the year were elected as follows: President, Lewis Bailey, of Doylestown; vice president, Howard Fraser, Doylestown; secrtary and treasurer, Joseph Ruos, Doylestown.

CHAMBERSBURG—The strictness of the law put an end to the plans of the mummers' organization to raise easy money for its annual trip to Philadelphia. The mummers had arranged a raffle, but the district attorney informed them that it could not be held. Consequently, if the club fails to collect sufficient money, the valley will not be represented in Philadelphia's big New Year's event.

City News in Brief

A CRYING BABY BOY was found last night by Mrs. Mary Waugh and Mrs. Nancy Emory, 2112 Arch street, on the front steps of their house. They notified the police of the Fifteenth and Vine streets station, and the boy was sent to the Philadelphia General Hospital.

GOVERNMENT CONTROL over industry as a necessity for the United States if it is to meet the competition of Europe was brought out at the Contemporary Club symposium at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel last night. Speakers were Dr. R. Tait McKenzie, of the University of Pennsylvania physical department; William C. Bullitt, of the Public Ledger, and Henry Wharton, of Chestnut Hill.

THE REV. JOHN B. FALKNER, eighty-four years old, rector emeritus of Christ P. E. Church, Germantown, is critically ill at his home, 259 South Forty-fifth street, suffering from pneumonia. Doctor Falkner served as rector of Christ Church for twenty-six years prior to his resignation in May, 1899.

THE PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD has asked the co-operation of shippers in this city to relieve the shortage of freight cars, by loading and unloading the cargoes promptly. Simultaneously with this appeal, the new demurrage rates, recently allowed by the Interstate Commerce Commission, went into effect.

THE VICTRIX CATHOLIC CLUB has elected the following officers: President, John J. Griffin; vice president, William J. McMenamin; recording secretary, J. Joseph Wilson, Jr.; financial secretary, Harry Conway; delegates to the C. Y. M. A. U., M. J. Hughes, John Collins, James Griffin, Martin Gannon and William McMenamin.

JOSTLED FROM THE REAR of a shifting engine at Twenty-fifth street and Washington avenue, Charles Boyle, thirty-two years old, 1254 South Paxon street, a Pennsylvania brakeman, was decapitated by the tender and two freight cars which passed over him. An undertaker took charge of the body pending an inquest.

JOHN IHLDER, a housing expert of national reputation, has been elected executive secretary of the Philadelphia Housing Association to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bernard J. Newman. The new secretary is a native of Baltimore. He is a graduate of Cornell University.

CITY APPOINTMENTS today included Oscar Retter, 726 Berks street, nurse, Bureau of Correction, salary $400; M. Stanton Taylor, 107 South Thirteenth street, assistant engineer, Department of City Transit, $1500; Abraham Klein, 878 North Eighth street, second assistant, Bureau of Surveys, $1600; Percy E. Nebus, 5425 Whitby avenue, assistant sanitary engineer, Bureau of Surveys, $1500; Chester E. Albright, 2d, 27 East Tulpehocken street, assistant inspector, Bureau of Surveys, $1600; Frank L. Gernet, 6228 Limekiln pike, inspector, Bureau of Surveys, $1350; Lillian A. McElwain, Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, head nurse, Department of Health, $900; Harriet E. Sandel, Philadelphia Hospital for Contagious Diseases, head nurse, Department of Health, $900; Marshall R. Bussinger, 1628 North Sixteenth street, laboratory helper, Bureau of Health, $600, and Margaret M. Sutch, 2130 Mount Vernon street, Bureau of Health, $600.

FURS VALUED AT $1600 were stolen from the house of Mrs. Roller, 3428 North Seventeenth street by a man believed to have gained admittance during the absence of the family by means of a false key. Mrs. Roller found the front door ajar upon her return. A fur coat valued at $800, a fur robe and many other articles were stolen. The police of the Ridge and Midvale avenues station are investigating.

Strikers Attack Police at Shore

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec. 12.—Samuel Weakley, a policeman, was injured in a fight between police and striking employes at the paving plant of the Warner-Quinlan Company, on Mediterranean avenue. Laborers, demanding more pay, were ordered from the plant and refused to go. Sticks and stones greeted the police when they arrived, and Weakley was felled with a blow from a shovel. He later lodged a charge against Charles Robinson, the alleged leader of the strikers. Robinson was committed to jail to await a hearing.

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