

FOUR LOSE LIVES AT TWO FIRES

Frankford Chemical Workers and Llanerch Club Employees Perish

LOSS REACHES \$500,000

Blazing Acids and Suffocating Fumes Injure Flame-Fighting Forces

Four persons are dead as the result of two fires early today.

One blaze swept over a half mile of chemical stills at the Barrett Manufacturing Company's plant, Tucker and Bermuda streets, killing two, while the other destroyed the three-story clubhouse of the Bon Air Country Club, West Chester place near Llanerch, burning two persons to death and injuring two others.

The loss at the Barrett manufacturing plant is estimated at \$500,000. Those killed were:

Edwood Morris, thirty years old, of 2966 Ruth street; assistant foreman at the plant; **Sylvester Bass**, forty years old, 4658 Melrose street; a workman.

Those killed at the Bon Air Country Club fire were:

William Furlong, sixty years old, club superintendent.

Anna Davis, fifty years old, negress.

James E. Allen, forty-five years old, negro waiter.

Alice Hall, forty years old, negress.

The bodies of Morris and Bass were recovered from the Barrett plant several hours after the fire started. They were buried in the ruins of one of the outbuildings.

They were identified by other workers at the plant. The wife of Bass, who, from a distance, watched the work of the firemen among the ruins, swooned when her husband's body was carried out.

Morris was married and is survived by a wife and two children. Bass also had two children.

Battalion Chief Hugh Colgan found both bodies. He says both men were killed by gas or chemical fumes.

Exploding Naphtha Spreads Flames.

The Barrett Company is working on Government contracts, making chemicals for explosives.

The fire burst out suddenly at 2:30 o'clock this morning in a building containing a large tank of naphtha. Within a few minutes the naphtha tank exploded and the flames leaped up, spreading rapidly along the line of chemical stills that bordered Frankford creek. Other explosions followed as vat after vat caught fire.

There was a wild scramble of workers to escape when the first flames started creeping toward the big vat of explosives. Many leaped from second-story windows.

Flames Illuminated Sky

Following the first explosion, the sky was lighted up more than a mile around. The flames leaped fifty feet high, sweeping with a roar and down the banks of the creek, spreading to a few minutes the entire length of the several tanks.

Plywood, acids, mostly carbolic, combined with the fumes, made the work of the firemen difficult, overcoming many, and burning them. The flames also penetrated houses in the vicinity.

Burned houses lined the surface of the creek to the Delaware River. The guard at Frankford Arsenal, a few squares away was called out to protect that property.

District Police Surgeons George P. Flannan and William H. Ziegler treated fifteen firemen who were overcome by smoke and burned.

Among those firemen were Lieutenant O'Neill, 207 Delphi street; William Blitzenberger, 2549 North Seventh street, and Joseph Scheid, of Roxborough, all of Engine Company No. 30, Germantown avenue and Venango street; and Lieutenant William Clark and Hoseman Isadore Welsh, of Company No. 25, Sam Fow, 1222 Oxford avenue, and John Corbett, 6017 Shelburne street, are in Frankford Hospital.

Crazed Victim Leaps Into Creek

James Leonard, an employee, maddened by fright and painful burns, leaped into Frankford Creek and wandered around the neighborhood two hours last night before returning to the fire. He said he was standing beside Morris when the fire started, and did not see the missing man make an attempt to escape.

Assistant Fire Marshal Christine said the fire may have been caused by still boiling over, but that an investigation of the possibility of incendiarism would be made.

Two Die as Clubhouse Burns

Furlong and Anna Davis were trapped in their beds on the third floor of the clubhouse. Allen and Alice Hall were awakened by smoke and leaped to safety, Allen from the third floor and the woman from the second.

The fire started shortly before 1 o'clock in the northern section of the building. When discovered it had gained considerable headway, and firemen, who responded from several nearby towns, found the water supply lacking.

A fourteen-inch main, shattered by a blast yesterday, contained no water, and it was necessary to lay hose lines several miles. When the water reached the clubhouse, the pressure was too weak to combat the flames.

Aid was finally summoned from Philadelphia, but the building was virtually destroyed when two fire companies arrived.

RUSH INSTRUMENTS ABROAD

Three City Firms Fill Hurry Order for Pershing's Surgeons

Three Philadelphia firms have supplied thousands of dollars' worth of surgical instruments to the American Red Cross in the last two weeks to fill a rush order. The instruments were sent to New York and then loaded on a ship immediately.

The firms that supplied the instruments are Charles Lentz & Sons, 33 South Seventeenth street; George P. Pilling & Son Company, Twenty-third and Arch streets, and Harvey R. Pierce Company, 1801 Chestnut street.

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WHERE TWO PERSONS PERISHED IN COUNTRY CLUB FIRE



Ruins of the Bon-Air Country Club, at Manoa, destroyed by fire last night. The superintendent of the club and a negro perished in the flames.

DIX CAVALRYMEN HERE FOR BRYN MAWR SHOW

Troopers Cheered on Arrival to Participate in Horse Fair Thursday

Dust covered, but cheerful and looking fit to give a good account of themselves, more than two hundred soldiers arrived here today from Camp Dix. The detachment was led by Lt. Col. Sylvester Bass, forty years old, 4658 Melrose street, a workman.

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CHAPIN TELLS POLICE HE KILLED HIS WIFE

Editor Says He Forgot Crime Until He Read Newspaper Account

By the United Press
New York, Sept. 17.

Admitting that he had killed his wife, but declaring that he had no recollection of the deed, according to the police, Charles E. Chapin, city editor of the New York Evening World, walked into the State-Sixty-eighth Street station here early today and gave himself up. He declared that all memory of his crime had passed from him until he purchased a morning paper and read that the police were searching for him.

Rambled almost incoherently in his talk with detectives, Chapin at times proudly answered the questions and at other times assumed a hangdog expression and plunged into the depths of quivering melancholia.

It was hardly dawn today when he appeared at the police station.

"I want to see the captain," he said to the lieutenant, but when he was informed that the captain was asleep he turned and said: "I am the captain."

"I killed my wife yesterday morning in the Cumberland Hotel," he said, the police.

"Who are you?" asked the station patrolman.

"I'm Mr. Chapin. I killed my wife," he replied.

"With this?" He pulled a six-chamber revolver from his pocket, according to the police. One chamber had been exploded. As the patrolman examined the weapon, Chapin reached to another pocket. "Here's another," he said, and exhibited an automatic pistol.

"Why did you kill her?" asked the patrolman.

He flung his arms over his head and replied:

"No reason whatever."

Asked where he had been, Chapin declared he did not know. He said that for four nights he had not slept. He had been absent from his home, he declared, on subway and elevated trains. He said he went to Prospect Park yesterday and aimed the revolver at his head, but saw a policeman and did not

register Today to Vote at November Election

Jay Cooke Issues Instructions That Twenty Per Cent Be Used in Bread

BAKERS MUST CARRY WHEAT SUBSTITUTES

Instructions to bakers regarding the use of wheat substitutes were issued today by Jay Cooke, food administrator for Philadelphia, as follows:

"Today is Philadelphia's second registration day this fall for the November election.

If you were not one of the 56,000 citizens who registered on the first registration day, go to your polling place today and see that your name is placed on the voting list.

All registrations previous to this fall are void, and to qualify for the ballot in November, when a Governor, State officers, Congressmen and members of the Legislature are elected, you must register.

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