

18 TROLLEYS BURN IN CAMDEN FIRES

Mystery in Two Blazes—One in Leather Plant, Other in Car Barn

START WITHIN 15 MINUTES

Trolley Car Stolen at Fire, Police Seeking Thieves

Camden police are searching for two men who stole a trolley from the car barn at Twelfth street and Newton avenue early this morning while the barn was burning and took a joy ride through the city. The joy-riders abandoned the car after they had derailed it at Kaighn avenue ferry.

Two fires were discovered in Camden today within fifteen minutes of each other, destroying thousands of dollars worth of property and causing considerable excitement among residents of the thickly populated sections in which they occurred.

The first was a three-alarm blaze in a leather goods plant at the head of Second street, near the river front, and the other in a car barn at Twelfth street and Newton avenue, where twenty-one trolleys were destroyed.

The police are investigating both fires in an attempt to determine their origin. While they refrain from stating that the fires were incendiary, the fact that the flames spread so rapidly in both instances prompts them to term both blazes "suspicious." Both of the buildings were damaged by other fires of undetermined origin within the last two years.

No estimate has been made of the property damage at the leather plant, operated by the John R. Evans Company, into which is merged the Peerless Kid Company, the Ruby Kid Company and the Jersey Leather Company.

Loss Estimated at \$200,000

At the car barn blaze the damage totaled \$200,000.

The first fire was discovered shortly after 1:30 o'clock in a small, galvanneal building in the center of a group of buildings operated by the leather concern.

The blaze was burning fiercely before it was discovered by the watchman.

The flames leaped so high in the air that the entire city was alarmed. As soon as the police and firemen arrived, residents of the thirty-five houses on Sigel street, in front of the blazing building, were ordered from their homes. Neighbors on the opposite side of Sigel street became alarmed and moved out. The small street was soon filled with men, women and children, many of them still in their night clothes. Many of the families moved some of their household belongings to the street.

The fire at the leather plant two years ago last March damaged \$300,000 worth of property. Within fifteen minutes after the firemen had been summoned to the leather plant, an alarm was turned in from the car barn. Only one engine company from East Camden was in the center of the city at the time, having moved after the three alarms were sounded to Fifth and Arch streets.

Send for More Help
This company went to the car barn, and a summons was immediately sent to the leather plant for more firemen. By that time, the blaze on the river front was under control, and several of the engine companies left the vicinity for the second fire.

The car barn is also situated in a thickly populated section. Residents of the immediate vicinity moved from their homes and formed a large crowd that grew rapidly as residents from all sections of the city rushed to the fire.

The car barn is a two-story brick structure. The top is divided into offices and an auditorium for the employees of the company. The first floor is divided into four sections by brick walls. In these sections cars are stored.

The fire started in a car in one of the four sections. It was discovered by Herbert Hemingway, who was placing advertising placards in the trolleys. A watchman was notified, and he turned in the alarm. In the few minutes he took to do this the flames had spread throughout one end of the section, which was a mass of flames.

Joseph Chambers, a switchman, and another employee of the place, succeeded in getting twelve of the thirty cars in that section to the street. The others were destroyed.

Frank Goodwin, a car inspector, who was working in a pit under one of the cars when the fire started, was nearly suffocated by smoke before he succeeded in making his way to the street.

By 4 o'clock the blaze was under control. It was confined to the one section. In all there were 225 cars in the barn.

William Graham, superintendent of the Camden division of the Public Service Railways Company, prevented any delay in the trolley service this morning by having old summer cars operated on these lines.

The superintendent stated that the company would conduct an investigation.

1 SEIZED IN BLACK HAND PLOT; PAY \$400 OR DIE, IS THREAT

Germantown Police Surround Place Where Money Was to Be Left—Two Men Come After It—One Escapes

Angelo Quaglin, of 920 South Seventh street, received a black hand letter which demanded that he place \$400 in an envelope in a hole in a stone wall at Mermaid lane and Stenton avenue, Chestnut Hill, before 5 a. m. today, under pain of death.

Angelo braved the threats of the writer against notifying the authorities, and showed the police of the Germantown station his letter.

Early today Lieutenant William Elvidge, of the Germantown station, with a detail of eleven men, took positions behind tree trunks, behind the stone wall and in the deep shadows, in the vicinity of Mermaid lane and Stenton avenue. A dummy envelope had been stuck in the wall.

CHECK BOLSHEVISM, CANADIAN WARNS

Captain Jenkins Tells Kiwanis Club League and Politics Should Be Divorced

"Whatever you are thinking of the league of nations, keep it out of politics and keep politics out of the league of nations."

This was the statement made today by Captain C. E. Jenkins, of the Fifty-eighth Battalion, Canadian army, at the luncheon of the Kiwanis club in the Bellevue-Stratford.

Captain Jenkins is also president of the Canadian Great Veterans' Association. His home is in Frankford, Ontario.

Captain Jenkins' talk to the club dealt with bolshevism, which he feared was sweeping over his country and the United States. He defined bolshevism as "the result against those classes in the community which are resisting a new philosophy of life born of the horrors and the hardships in the war."

Captain Jenkins paid a high tribute to the gallant work of the Canadian army during the war and pointed out that it was not this country that won the war, or Canada, or any of the allied armies alone, but the combined efforts of them all. The sight of some few Americans going around with buttons reading "We won the war" prompted him to make this statement.

During his address, Captain Jenkins made an appeal to the United States not to forget the price paid for peace—to think of the dead, and disabled and to give them justice, not charity.

The pinnacle of glory in this past war was won by the fighting men of France—and in the battle of Verdun, in the opinion of the captain.

All through his talk, he illustrated his points with stories of his own experiences on other side.

Captain Jenkins spent two years, 1915 and 1916, in the thick of the fight. Previous to his enlistment, he had been an Episcopal minister.

BURY FOUR TRAIN VICTIMS

Funeral of Simon Friedman and Relatives This Afternoon

One funeral service for four victims of the automobile accident at the railroad crossing at Stratford, N. J., last Sunday, was held this afternoon at the home of Simon Friedman, 1428 North Marshall street. Interment was in Mount Carmel Cemetery, Frankford.

Beside Friedman, who was one of the victims, the bodies were those of Morris Seltzer, a son-in-law; Thomas Seltzer, the latter's daughter, and a niece, Sarah Friedman.

Mrs. Friedman was in Atlantic City when the accident occurred, and learned of her husband's death from a relative. She arrived in this city yesterday, and is now prostrated, as is the wife of Morris Seltzer, who was driving the automobile when it was struck by the train. The funeral of Vincent Burkhardt, the other victim, probably will be held tomorrow.

INMATE OF G. A. R. HOME DIES

Mrs. Sarah A. Carter, sixty-five years old, inmate of the Home for Veterans of the G. A. R. and Wives, at Sixty-fifth and Vine streets, died last night of hardening of the arteries. She had been an inmate of the home for two years and was an invalid. She is survived by a son and two daughters.

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JANET BEECHER

The actress and Dr. Richard H. Hoffman, a New York physician, were married in the office of the city clerk of New York. The bride gave her name as Martha Janet Wyndham, thirty years old, and her profession as an artist. She married Harry R. Guggenheimer in 1913, and secured an absolute divorce last March. Her greatest stage successes were in "The Concert" and in "Fair and Warmer".

BULLET FOR DOG HITS GIRL; JANITOR HELD

School Employee Kills Animal to Stop Fight, but Third Shot Goes Wild

After shooting a girl and killing a dog while stopping a dog fight, Michael Defries, janitor of the Landenberg school, Fourth and George streets, is under arrest today, facing two charges.

Defries, who is forty-six years old and lives at 1018 North Lawrence street, kept the school yard open until 10 o'clock last night, so that pupils could spend the evening in play. While he was closing the school his dog engaged in a fight with a dog belonging to James Cummings, 1028 North Lawrence street.

Failing to separate the dogs, Defries, it is alleged, drew a revolver and fired three shots. Two bullets hit the Cummings dog and killed it. The third bullet struck Ellen Decker, six years old, of 1021 North Fourth street, inflicting a slight wound in the right leg. The child was taken to Roosevelt Hospital.

SUICIDE IN HOTEL

Bellboy Finds W. C. Gaines, of Reading, Dead of Gas

A bellboy, going to the room of W. C. Gaines, of Reading, Pa., in a hotel in Fourth street, near Market, early today, found that Gaines had committed suicide. The man was lying in bed with a tube in his mouth. The tube was attached to an open gas jet.

Gaines registered at the hotel about two weeks ago. He seemed to be cheerful and apparently was plentifully supplied with money.

Gaines was about forty years old. He is believed to have relatives in West Philadelphia.

DEALERS ARE APPEALED TO

Chicago Packers Assert Kenyon Bill Will Demoralize Industry

In an effort to bring greater pressure against the passage of the Kenyon bill, which would prohibit the Chicago packing houses from engaging in any other business than meat, the packers have written numerous letters to wholesale dealers throughout the country to protest against the measure.

Included in a recent letter from the packers to meat dealers in this city were reprints from articles appearing in two trade magazines, one of which is devoted to the meat and another to the canning industry.

These reprints tend to show of what wholesale meat trade and to the public at large. The packers claim, in their letters to their customers, that should the Kenyon bill be made a law it would cause a complete demoralization of the packing industry and result in much higher prices and an inferior grade of goods.

MAN DIES AFTER GAS EXPLOSION

John Ston, forty-eight years old, 3925 North Fifth street, died today in the Episcopal Hospital from injuries received in an explosion at the branch office of the U. G. I. located on Richmond street near Toga.

BURGLAR SUSPECT KILLED IN FLIGHT

Unidentified Man Shot Down by Worker Watching for Tool Thief at Gloucester

ASKS FOR WATER, DIES

An unidentified man, suspected of being a burglar, was shot and killed early today near Gloucester, N. J.

Walter Jage, twenty-five years old, a mechanic employed at the New York Shipyard, is being held without bail by the police pending an investigation of his story that he shot the man after he was assured by the suspect's actions that he was a thief.

Jage said he saw the man near a building operation in Mt. Ephraim pike, carrying a suspicious looking bundle. He called to the man, who fled. Jage, who was on watch for a burglar held responsible for the theft of tools from building operations in that vicinity, fired two shots at the fugitive. One shot struck the man in the back, fatally wounding him.

Asks for Drink, Dies

The man kept on running, however, until he reached the tracks of the Atlantic City Railroad. There he sat down upon a pile of railroad ties. Attracted by the reports of the revolver, Joseph Pond and Mrs. Frances W. Lamak, who live close by, went to the man. He asked for a drink of water, which was given him. He then died, after refusing to reveal his identity.

Questioned by Mrs. Wostenholme, who asked him his name, he replied that he lived in Camden.

The bundle that had first aroused the suspicion of Jage was found on the tracks beside the man. It contained twenty-one saws said to have been taken from a building being erected on the pike by Gordon Coulter.

None of the tools were the property

of Jage, who is building a garage 100 by 100 feet on the pike. About \$5000 worth of building material and tools owned by Jage are on the ground. Jage explained to the police that some of his tools had been stolen recently, and last night he decided to stay on guard in the building. Jage is a Pole.

The dead man was about fifty years old, smooth shaven and bald-headed. He wore a straw hat and a gray suit. He weighed about 175 pounds and was five feet eight inches tall. He wore tin shoes with red rubber heels. Two hair pipes, a bag of tobacco and two collar buttons were found in his pockets. There were no marks of identification on his clothing.

Assistant County Prosecutor John Straw detailed County Detectives Grubben and Doran to make an investigation. Jage was arrested by Doran.

Camden Police Station will hold an inquest as soon as the detectives complete their inquiry, in which they hope to establish the identity of the man.

BOOZE WARRANT FOR WOMAN

Nine More Saloonkeepers and Bartenders to Be Arrested

Warrants were issued today for the arrest of nine saloonkeepers, including one woman, and seven bartenders, charged with selling liquors in violation of the wartime prohibition act.

Those arrested are: Thomas Conroy, proprietor, 822 Arch street, and his bartender, Tony Delako; James S. Meely, proprietor, 55 North Twenty-first street, and his bartender, George Meely; John C. Ronle, proprietor, 101 Filbert street, and his bartender, Louis Tentoni; James Forber, proprietor, 18 South Fifteenth street, and his bartender, Thomas Eagan; Andrew Brooks, proprietor, Twentieth and Market streets; John Peahay, proprietor, Twenty-first and Winter streets; Bernard J. Maken, proprietor, Twenty-second and Vine streets, and his bartender, William Gallagher; Mrs. Mary Bayer, proprietor, Twenty-third street, near Vine, and her bartender, Louis Alexander; Edward Gevander, proprietor, 20 South Seventh street, and his bartender, John Donoghue.

A warrant was issued for the arrest of Forber on July 14. At that time he was charged with illegally selling beer.

MAKES WILL, SEEKS DEATH

Syrian Leaps From Window in Effort to End Life

Spiro Kostrieh, a Syrian boarder at 2050 Coral street, jumped from a second-story window into an arwayway yesterday in an attempt at suicide when told that he would have to find another home, as the house would be sold.

Before jumping from the window, Kostrieh made a will disposing of more than \$2000 in cash and bank deposits, which was left to two sisters if they could be found. If not, the will stated that the money was to go to various educational institutions of Syria.

PROBE DEATH OF BOYS

Responsibility for Dynamite Explosion to Be Fixed Today

Responsibility for the dynamite explosion in which three boys were killed in a stone quarry at Waterloo Junction Sunday, August 3, probably will be placed today at the coroner's inquest to be held in City Hall at 10 o'clock.

The accident, in which Walter McField, thirteen years old, 2013 Rowan street; Frank Hagen, thirteen years, and his six-year-old brother, Stanley, 1935 Chestnut street, were killed, occurred in a quarry shack used for the storage of dynamite.

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You know and I know that every day we are compelled to pay outrageous prices for the necessities of life, prices which cannot be justified by any sound economic reason. The blame belongs to those who have set out deliberately to wring excessive profits from the earnings of their fellow men.

In large measure this is being done by trusts and great combinations of capital, but there are individual offenders too. We see it all too often among retail merchants. They seem to reason that they should grab some extra profits while the "grabbing" is good.

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