

RESERVE POWER GIVES CITY LIGHT

Downtown Section Must Economy, However, After Yesterday's Accident

TRANSFORMER IS WRECKED

By drawing upon reserve resources of electric power, the Philadelphia Electric Co. is able today to supply light and power to the downtown section in which "the lights went out" yesterday afternoon.

Economy in the use of electric energy has been made necessary, however, as the accident in the supply station in Sansom street near Ninth resulted in the wrecking of one of the largest rotary transformers of the company.

Setting a good example to other users of electricity, the Philadelphia Electric Co. is running only one of its five elevators in its headquarters building at Tenth and Chestnut streets.

There is a great deal of curiosity today as to the exact cause of the sudden shutting off of light and many explanations have been offered.

Electricity is too mysterious a slave of industry for even its masters to discuss with absolute certainty. When it is submissive, it is abjectly submissive. But when it goes off on a tantrum it gives no warning and raises high links.

For fifteen or twenty seconds yesterday afternoon in the Sansom street supply station there was one of the most brilliant pyrotechnic displays possible. Fire and sparks flew everywhere from a great revolving wheel. The situation might have been serious had not electrical engineers provided for just such an emergency and made it possible to shut off the energy.

But in that fifteen or twenty seconds the great new rotary transformer was wrecked. Thick pieces of copper were melted and twisted and some, heated hot, were flung to all parts of the station. Some of these fragments, torn from the machine, struck and damaged another large rotary transformer, but the injury was not serious enough to put it out of use. This machine and others held in reserve at the station are supplying most of the energy used today.

The Sansom street station is one of four substations which furnish electricity for the district between the Schuylkill and Delaware rivers, and Spruce and Vine streets. Wires from these stations run through the Edison underground system. The district supplied by the Sansom street station is between Broad and Fifth streets, and Market and Spruce streets.

The accident yesterday was one of the most serious that has ever happened in a power plant here. It was also entirely unexpected. The machinery at the plant was new and of the most modern design, and it was not thought that an accident of that sort was possible.

The only warning given the men in charge of the station was a flicker of light just before the display of fireworks began.

WOUNDED PIGEON A PUZZLE

Bird at Hog Island May Have Flown From South America

Employees at Hog Island, who found and attended to the wounds of a carrier pigeon that appeared there yesterday, are wondering today if the bird flew all the way from South America.

An aluminum band on its left leg bore the number 034885, and the bird has been traced as one formerly owned by John B. McCafferty, of 3721 Germantown avenue. Mr. McCafferty explained today he went out of the pigeon-carrier business eight years ago and sent all his birds to South America.

"If this is the bird I used to have it is ten years old," said Mr. McCafferty. "I can't understand how it got back here again, unless it tried to trace its movements just from curiosity. It is unusual for a pigeon to live so long."

NAME-SIGNS FOR STREETS

Mayor Orders Plates to Be Posted on All Thoroughfares

Street name plates are to be posted at all intersections in this city. The need for this improvement was seen by Mayor Moore on several of his inspection trips about the city. He noted that at many corners there are no street names posted, an omission sometimes annoying to visitors, or to residents unfamiliar with certain sections.

Not only have small streets in numerous instances been neglected in that respect but long stretches of important thoroughfares likewise lack the guide signs.

BOY HELD IN KILLING

10-Year-Old Playmate Was Fatally Shot in Store

Edward Sanco, seventeen years old, of Eleventh street near Carpenter, was held by Deputy Coroner Sellers today to await the action of the grand jury in the fatal shooting of ten-year-old William Colezno, 765 South Warnock street.

The boy was shot while playing in the store of John Weeks, 127 South Twelfth street, about two weeks ago. The Sanco boy, who is a negro, had been left in charge of the store. The boys had been playing with a shotgun, which went off by accident.

Pleads Guilty to Medical Charge

William J. Looker, 1243 North Sixth street, an alleged physician practicing drugless therapeutics, today before Judge Rogers in Quarter Sessions Court pleaded guilty to an indictment charging him with practicing medicine without a certificate of licensure. Judge Rogers suspended sentence on the defendant, but instructed him that he must cease the practice of medicine and confine himself to the science of curing by manipulation.

Auto Stolen From Garage

A. G. Garber, 3247 North Phillip street, reported to the police today that his motor car, which he valued at \$980, had been stolen during the night from his garage.

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FOLLY FARMS GO TO W. G. DAVIDSON

York Road Estate Purchased by Wool Man for About \$250,000

4 OTHER FARMS ARE SOLD

Folly Farms, the famous Old York road estate at Abington, founded by the late William L. Elkins, of Philadelphia and Ogontz, and occupied by George W. Elkins, Sr., for some months prior to his death recently, has been sold. The purchaser is William G. Davidson.

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In the woolen business on North Front street. He acquires all of the 175 acres lying east of the Old York road, for a figure said to be in the neighborhood of \$250,000. The sale was made by H. Calvin Williams, for many years superintendent of the trustees of the estate of William L. Elkins. That portion of Folly Farms lying west of the York road and comprising an equal acreage has not yet been sold.

Mr. Davidson, it is understood, will continue Folly Farms as a stock and breeding farm. The passing of the estate was predicted several weeks ago, shortly after Mr. Elkins's death, when it was announced that Superintendent Williams himself had purchased an eleven-acre tract of land on the west side of the Old York road, south of the site of the Abington Memorial Hospital, for development purposes, at a figure said to be in the neighborhood of \$50,000, and in the more recent announcement that the horses and equipment of

the Folly Farms would be offered for sale early in March.

The sale of four other large farms in the northern district, involving a total acreage of nearly 1000, and an estimated outlay of at least \$100,000, is also announced. William Hobensack, of Ivyland, has purchased the Tomlinson farms, of eighty-five acres; S. Carl Garner, of Haboro, has purchased the 100-acre farms of John Darrah and the 230-acre farms known as the Engart Estate, Wharton Sinkler, prominent Philadelphia, who

has made extensive land purchases in the northern section in recent months, has added to his holdings by the purchase of the R. T. W. Rogers farms, located on the state road, in War-

minister. Definite figures as relating to each of these sales are withheld, but it is estimated that the total is very close to \$100,000.



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