

CANDLE SETS FIRE TO WOMAN'S DRESS

Relatives Find Young Wife on Floor, Her Garments a Mass of Flames

Mrs. Emma Morgan, twenty-seven years old, 1021 Mount Eborham avenue, Camden, was badly burned this morning when her clothing became ignited from a candle she carried.

Mrs. Morgan was descending the stairs in her home about 6 o'clock, when she stumbled and fell, the lighted candle she had in her hand falling against her light clothing and causing the fire.

The woman fell down the stairs. Other members of her family heard her cries and ran to her assistance. They found her lying on the kitchen floor, her clothing a mass of flames.

The fire was extinguished by wrapping rugs about her. A passing automobile was stopped and the burned woman rushed to the West Jersey Homeopathic Hospital, a few blocks away.

Her condition is critical. The burns extend over her entire body. Virtually all her clothing was burned off before the flames were extinguished.

Dinner Burns, Firemen Called

Mrs. William Hamilton, 1702 North Twenty-eighth street, left some food cooking on the stove in her kitchen late last night to go out for a short visit. She returned to find firemen extinguishing her overcooked food and the apartment house excited over an alarm of fire.

PHILADELPHIA APATHETIC ON "MESSAGE FROM MARS"

Local Scientists and Wireless Experts Too Busy With Local Affairs to Lose Sleep Waiting "Howdy" From Planet

There seems to be little enthusiasm here for the arrival of that much-advertised "message from Mars."

New York, London and Omaha may be standing figuratively on tiptoe and leaping up with excitement, ready to receive the first signals which the distant planet is said to be throwing to us, but Philadelphia appears to reserve her interest for more local matters, such as transit or overalls.

Today the earth and Mars are closer together than at any other time of the year, and the stage is set for the first interplanetary burlesque, but Philadelphia says:

"You don't say." Trying to signal us, are they? I hadn't heard a thing about it."

Nebraska Awaits "Flash"

Scientists throughout the world have a hunch that the inhabitants of Mars are trying to attract earthly attention, and have been doing so for several months. Whether they want to negotiate a loan or are merely anxious to get the box scores of the opening ball games has not been determined, and that is why an attempt is being made to speed up the aerial mail this week.

Dr. Frederick H. Millner, wireless expert in Omaha, is the leading man in the "Message to Mars" cast. He has the state of Nebraska covered with wireless antennae with which he and his assistants will endeavor to "listen in" on the Mars call.

Professor David Todd, of Amherst College, is another one taking a vital interest. On Friday he is going to try to ascend in a balloon at Fort Omaha in order to get a few way stations off and get a jump on the Martian radio.

Local Lines All "Busy"

On the other hand, the Philadelphia Navy Yard station declares itself too busy to give any particular attention to the honed-for signals.

"More important business of commercial or government nature comes first," it was intimated, and the opinion expressed that the large wireless stations at Tucker and Cape May would also be "not at home" to the message from Mars.

The radio operator at the John Wanamaker store said he "hadn't heard about it," but that he "would keep his ears open."

Any amateur interest that might be aroused in the event is dimmed by the fact that scientists believe only the most powerful apparatus can perceive the far-away signals.

And perhaps it is just as well that the wireless man at the Mars end of the line is too far off to be "hep" to the earthly doings. He probably would be completely crushed when he realized the complete indifference of Philadelphia to the widely advertised "Message from Mars."

THANK STUDENT WORKERS

P. and R. Sends Letter of Appreciation for Help During Strike

Railroad officials greatly appreciated the work which University of Pennsylvania and other college men did during the recent unauthorized strike as is evidenced in several letters received by Provost Edgar Fahs Smith yesterday.

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