

\$200,000 FIRE HITS 7 CAMDEN STORES

Christmas Stock of Toone & Hollinshed Co., Broadway and Kaighn Ave., Destroyed

PATROLMAN GIVES ALARM

Big stocks of Christmas goods were destroyed in a \$200,000 fire that ruined the interior of the Toone & Hollinshed Co. department store, Broadway and Kaighn avenue, early today and damaged six other business places damaged by the flames are:
The Sargol Shoe Store, 455 Kaighn avenue, owned by Albert Lichtenstadt. The fire is believed to have started in that building, which adjoins the department store.
Schahis Brothers' confectionery store, 453 Kaighn avenue, known as the "Sugar Bowl." Stock heavily damaged by water.
A Schulte Cigar Company's shop, at the northwest end of the Toone & Hollinshed Building. Damaged by fire and water.
Max Hirschman, women's coats and suits, occupying part of first floor of department store building. Stock damaged by smoke and water.
W. L. Douglas & Co.'s shoe store, 1183 Broadway, adjoining the department store. Stock damaged by smoke and water.
Gates' candy store, 1131 Broadway. Stock damaged by water.
Patrolman Arthur Leventon saw flames starting from a third story window of the Sargol Shoe Store. The flames had burned through to the department store when firemen arrived.
Extension ladders were thrown up to the third-floor level of the department store. Firemen dragging hose lines a few feet saw billows of flame roaring through the store leaving a blackened trail of Christmas goods of every description.
The third floor collapsed as firefighters at nearly every window were sending powerful streams into the heart of the blaze. The breaking floor rained flaming merchandise on the second-floor stocks which were quickly consumed.
Meanwhile other fire companies were fighting the blaze in the Sargol Shoe Store, which spread to the second floor.
Victor Schahis and his wife were asleep on the second floor of 453 Kaighn avenue when the fire began. They were awakened by smoke and escaped without difficulty.
The fire today was the second big blaze Camden has experienced recently. Ten days ago the department store of Baker-Flick Company, Market street near Third, was almost entirely destroyed with a loss of \$50,000.

'UNCLE ROBERT' TO BE HOST

Will Give Christmas Party to 1500 Children
New York, Dec. 14.—Robert Sporo, of New York, known as "Uncle Robert," announced today that he expected 1500 children to attend his annual Christmas party at Long Branch, N. J., a party which was started five years ago with only fifteen guests.
Among other presents which "Uncle Robert" has ordered for needy school children are 500 baseball bats and balls. He now is seeking to induce other persons to stage similar parties.

TWO HURT AS AUTOS CRASH

Woman and Daughter Injured in Collision Near West Chester
West Chester, Pa., Dec. 14.—Mrs. Webster Fulton and her daughter, Irma, nine years old, of Indian King, are in the Chester County Hospital here as the result of an automobile collision last night near Kirkland Station, where they were driving to meet Mr. Fulton. Their car was struck by a heavier one belonging to John Worth of Wilmington, Del., which skidded on the icy road. Both machines were badly damaged.
Mrs. Fulton and her daughter were thrown to the top of a fifteen foot embankment by the crash. Mrs. Fulton's spine was injured and she is badly cut and bruised. Her daughter is suffering from serious lacerations and bruises about the face and body.

SHEEP NOT INFECTED

Wilmington Canard Circulated to Scare Thief That Stole Pet
Wilmington, Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—The alarm that affected this community today over the report that a sheep kept at Delaware Hospital for experimental purposes and infected with disease germs had been stolen was dispelled by a statement issued by the hospital authorities.
They said the sheep was a pet of the hospital employes and was not infected with germs of any kind. They added that the germ story was manufactured and circulated in the hope that it would scare the thief into returning the pet sheep to the hospital.

GAMING LURE WRECKS HOME

Atlantic City Woman Gets Divorce on Desertion Grounds
Atlantic City, Dec. 14.—The lure of cards and dice were responsible for the wrecking of the matrimonial bark of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Horwitz, according to the recommendation of Joseph Thompson, special advisory master in chancery, that a decree of divorce be given to Mrs. Horwitz on the ground of desertion.
The couple were married on June 29, 1908, at Homestead, Pa., and it is alleged the desertion took place in 1916. The recommendation of the special master states that the defendant was more interested in gambling than he was in the care and attention to his wife. A final decree has been granted.

Thomas J. Scully Dead
South Amboy, N. J., Dec. 14.—(By A. P.)—Major Thomas J. Scully, a former Congressman, died suddenly at his home today from an attack of heart disease. He was born here fifty-three years ago and was engaged in the towing and transportation business. He was a graduate of Seton Hall College and long had been identified with the Democratic Party.

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Movie of a Man Making a Loan at a Bank

By J. P. McEVROY
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Uniformed attendant approaches with suspicious scrutiny.
Brusquely asks man what his business is.
Man faltering says he wants to borrow some money.
Attendant grudgingly takes him over to a vice president.
There seems to be endless rows of vice presidents.
All of them terribly busy.
Man approaches one of them, shuffles his feet and twirling his hat nervously.
Vice president asks him to state his business.
Man blurs out desire to borrow some money.
Vice president wants to know why he wants it.
Wants to see his collateral.
Looks over collateral pityingly.
Shoves it back and begins to write.
MAN timidly asks when he can get the money.
Vice president stops writing and gives man searching glance.
Man blushes and wriggles in embarrassment.
Vice president asks for more collateral.

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Banker suggests second mortgage.
Banker glares at him.
MAN subsides and tries to look unembarrassed.
Banker ruminates, and then says he will send man out to appraise property.
Week elapses.
No answer.
Two weeks elapse.
Man learns property has been appraised, but title must be looked up.
Month elapses, title being looked up.
Two months later, papers not yet filed out.

Three months later, papers must be countersigned in a different way.
FOUR months later, matter has been referred to committee.
Six months later, committee has referred it back to banker.
Banker refers it to real estate experts.
Experts take it up with recorder.
Recorder takes it up with banker.
Banker takes it up with committee.
Chairman of committee has gone to Europe.
Year later, loan has finally been made.
Man is stopped on way out of bank with money.
Is told note has matured meanwhile.
Pays off note, pawing watch to pay interest.

CROWN PRINCE MAY RETURN

Frederick Plans to Go Back to Germany in Spring
Doorn, Holland, Dec. 14.—The former German Crown Prince, who since November, 1918, has lived at Wierlingen, is now planning to return to Germany, and expects to request permission of the Dutch Government for his departure early in the spring.
Frederick William looks forward to life as a country gentleman with his wife and children on an estate in Prussia. Several members of his staff and a few servants of the former Kaiser, it is said, will soon go there to prepare for the coming of the former Crown Prince.

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