THREE MEN KILLED IN STILL BLASTS

Seven Others Are Injured as Flaming Alcohol Covers Victims in Noble St. Rum Plant

POLICEMAN SAVES FAMILY

Three men are dead today following an explosion of moonshine stills in a building at Third and Noble streets. Six others were hurt. Two of them may die.

One of the men was blown to bits when the stills exploded last night. The two others died today from their injuries.

The dead are:

John Kozols, nineteen years old, 705 Lombard street.

Benjamin Waxman, thirty years old, of 2013 South Seventh street.

John Galek, nineteen years old, 805 Addison street.

The injured are:

John Shayborn, thirty-six years, 3024 North Warnock street, burned and mangled; condition critical, in Roosevelt Hospital.

Louis Blumberg, forty-two years, 510 South Ninth street, burned and scalded; condition serious, in Hahnemann Hospital.

Thomas Bulsick, thirty years, 516 North Third street, burned on face and hands in work of rescue; treated at home.

Mounted Patrolman Steven Selnack, 143 Nectarine street, burned on hands in work of rescue.

Frank Ryan, twenty-one years, same address; burned on face in work of rescue.

John Dwyer, twenty-six years, 221 Noble street, burned on hands in work of rescue.

Kozols, his body mangled from the force of the blasts and a solid mass of burns, died at 2:15 o'clock in Roosevelt Hospital.

Waxman died in the Hahnemann Hospital at 5:25 o'clock. He was also burned from head to feet.

The body of Galek was found in the ruins of the building after the fire had been extinguished and was taken to the morgue, unidentified. This morning Leon Gadinski, a neighbor, appeared at the morgue and identified it by Galek's home on Addison street.

Although no arrests have been made following discovery of the moonshine operation by the explosion and fire, detectives are making a thorough investigation. Shayborn and Blumberg are under surveillance in the hospital.

The succession of explosions rocked the neighborhood and hundreds of persons dashed from their homes.

Waxman, Kozols, Shayborn and Blumberg ran from the building their clothing a mass of flames, and by the time had arrived every particle had been burned away.

Mounted Traffic Policeman Selnack, and his brother-in-law, Frank Ryan, who lives with him, tried to beat out the flames from the four men's clothing, but were unable to do so.

Selnack threw his heavy coat over Kozols, but the garment was burned away. It is thought no wearing suit saturated the clothing of all four with alcohol.

Six Saved From Building

Flames shot forth immediately from the building, which extends back on Noble street, where there is a frame addition with an overpassway.

The policeman turned in a fire alarm, then telephoned to the Seventh District police station, at Third street and Fairmount avenue, and a patrol wagon, in charge of John Daly, driver, and Patrolmen Thomas Wray and Lemuel Chase responded.

While Wray and Chase were placing the four injured men in the patrol, Daly ran to the third floor of the building and rescued six persons who were screaming for help. They were Michael Solkove, his wife and four children whose ages range from six to nineteen years. Solkove, who is in the trucking business, occupies the rear of the building in his business and lives on the third floor. The living quarters were badly damaged. He rents the entire building, subletting parts of it to Gittlemen & Ginsburg, who conduct an auto repair shop, and to a man named Miller, who could not be found by police after the event.

Acting Captain Curtin and Lieutenant McCourt are to offer an investigation that the explosion took place in that part of the building occupied by Miller.

The rear of James Dwyer's home is ripped by the explosion and the fright Mrs. Dwyer was in the kitchen. Windows were broken and she was shot from her feet by the force of the blast. She fainted and was carried into the home. The rear of the apartment was painted.

Large quantities of alcohol fed the blaze and gave the firemen a hard task. Fire Chief Dougherty estimated on 1000 gallons of alcohol were stored there, much of which was destroyed. He also reported to have found 50-gallon stills and several smaller ones. He said that these exploded, causing the fire.

Policeman Burned

Two trucks, said to have belonged to Solkove, were destroyed. The police reported that a truck was found in the place loaded with 50-gallon drums filled with alcohol.

Selenack, the mounted policeman, was burned about the hands and face, but did not go to a hospital for treatment. His shirt was burned from his back and he lost his watch.

Thomas Bulsick was burned while attempting to rescue Mrs. Dwyer. Mrs. Dwyer was burned while rescuing horses in the stable of Alphonza Bennett, owned by W. Conway, at 2020 North Seventh street. Hildreth and Dwyer were treated at the Roosevelt Hospital.

After the fire had been put out the firemen and policemen removed what was left of the liquor, stills, mash and barrels and cans of alcohol to the police station at Third street and Fairmount avenue.

Fire Chief Ross Dougherty said the stills were the largest he ever saw.

Kozols had been hired to work at the still about three hours before the explosion. He returned home at 9 o'clock, after having visited his aged mother at the University Hospital and told her of his good fortune in finding a job.

His mother, who is seventy years old and a widow, suffered a severe setback when told of his death this morning.

"I don't know what I shall do," she sobbed. "He was my only support and had been struggling hard to help me while I am sick, and then just when he had found a job, he is taken away."

"He was so happy when he came to see me yesterday and told me he had found work on North Third street. He left here to start in."

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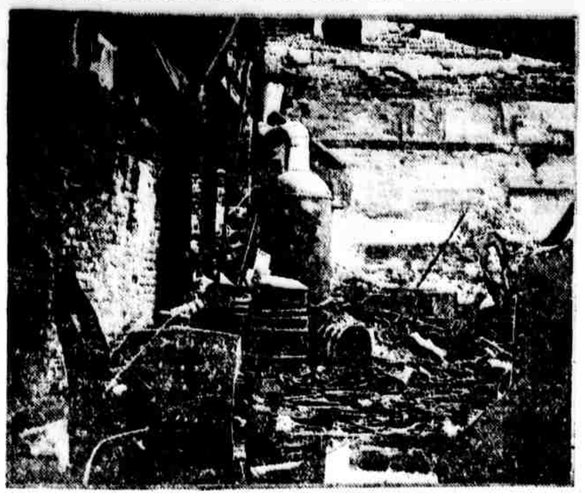
WRECKAGE IN FATAL STILL BLAST



Picture shows parts of debris of stills and tubs in old stable at Third and Noble streets, where several explosions of alcohol caused the death of three men and injury to six others. Police and prohibition officers are investigating ownership of what apparently was a big moonshining plant

LOADED COAL CAR LOOTED ON STREET

Contents Shoveled Up and Carried Away by Downtown Residents

MANY OVERCOATS STOLEN

A loaded coal car at Twenty-third and Wolf streets was raided by about 200 men in an orgy of looting all the more unusual because it occurred before daylight.

Men stood on the car and shoveled coal to the street, where eager crowds of women and children picked it up. Bags, sacks, baskets, buckets and anything else that could be pressed into service were used by the raiders.

The [illegible] of the night and [illegible] had [illegible] of coal [illegible] Philadelphia homes. Nearly [illegible] was left on the street.

With the advent of winter weather, accompanied by coal shortage, [illegible] of clothing [illegible] Police Headquarters in City Hall [illegible] Detectives [illegible] Peter B. [illegible] 2040 Arch street, [illegible] might that his [illegible] automobile [illegible] filling station.

Two men are [illegible] last night from the home of Joseph West, 1917 North Twenty-first street.

An overcoat belonging to Benjamin B. Bennett, 3828 Mount Vernon street, which was left in an entry near a [illegible] on the first floor was reported missing this morning. Thieves had smashed the window and taken it.

Although relief who visited the home of Robert Overton, 2240 South Twenty-first street, last night were a suit of clothes.

Another overcoat was stolen from the home of Kate Robinson, 2030 Robinson street.

Two men [illegible] from the store of [illegible] & Co., 517 Market street early this morning and stole clothing. The police [illegible] of David Katz, [illegible] 2774 Frankford avenue, and stole fur pieces valued at $200.

DROVE AUTO INTO WALL

Man Seriously Hurt Trying to Avoid Hitting Other Vehicles

Howard Kessler, 1511 North Sixteenth street, [illegible] today [illegible] Chestnut street [illegible] Kessler was [illegible] automobile [illegible] Philadelphia Lumber Company, [illegible] Kessler was [illegible] automobile [illegible] with the advent of winter weather, [illegible] accompanied by coal shortage, [illegible] of clothing [illegible] Police Headquarters in City Hall [illegible] Detectives [illegible] Peter B. [illegible] 2040 Arch street, [illegible] might that his [illegible] automobile [illegible] filling station.

He was taken to the Lankenau Hospital, where numerous [illegible]

Deaths of a Day

Mrs. Mary E. Senderling

Mrs. Mary E. Senderling, [illegible] wife of William H. Senderling, [illegible] morning. Mrs. [illegible] Park, [illegible] Park, where [illegible] was [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Baptist Church, [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Bible Class [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Bible Class [illegible] Mrs. [illegible] Bible Class