

FIRE IN CAMDEN.

The Main Building of Farr's Oil Cloth Works Burned—Several Firemen Injured.

Shortly after three o'clock yesterday morning a fire broke out in the magazine shed of the oil cloth works of the estate of Lincoln D. Farr, at Seventh street and Kaighn's avenue. The building, a frame structure 20x40 feet, was a mass of flames. Before the arrival of the department a two-story building 35x70 feet caught, which ignited the main building, three stories in height, on the north, 35x115 feet.

By the time the department got the flames under control there remained nothing for them to do but save the adjoining buildings, which are numerous. By the efforts of the firemen the flames were confined to these three buildings, although for a time it was feared another large building to the south of the one burned was doomed to destruction, as it was on fire in several places, but was extinguished before it got any headway.

The firemen fought the flames heroically. Owing to the combustible material stored in the rooms of the buildings the heat for a time was intense. Three of them, Charles Robinson, Henry Peters and Chris Tenner remained at their post in such proximity as to be severely burned about the face and arms. Another fireman named Albert Devo was injured by falling timbers.

When the fire first broke out Harry Myers, one of the night watchmen, heard the noise and hastened to the magazine house to ascertain the cause. When he observed a barrel of benzine on fire, not waiting to give an alarm, he hastened to remove the barrel and was badly burned. Frank Cline, another watchman, left his partner and gave an alarm, but too late to save the buildings. During the progress of the fire the scene was visited by hundreds of persons, who hastened from their beds half clad and did not leave until the charred timbers lay a smouldering mass.

The main building, which was burned, was styled the drying room, where the cloth receives the first or heavy coat of paint. In it there were ten men and two boys employed, but the entire force of fifty men will be thrown out of employment, as all the material from which the cloth is made had to first pass through the building that was burned, the other buildings being the finishing departments. The loss on stock, buildings and material is estimated at \$20,000, insured for about \$10,000.