

GAS BLAST RIPS STORE, INJURES 3

\$15,000 Explosion Wrecks

Landmark Near Rocky River Bridge.

Natural gas exploding in the basement of the W. D. Coulter Co. drug store-restaurant-ice cream parlor, Sloane and Detroit Avenues, Lakewood, at 6 last night injured three men and wrecked the establishment.

Fire Chief C. A. Delaney of Lakewood estimated the damage at \$15,000.

W. D. Coulter, 1311 Edanola Avenue, Lakewood, head of the company, whose store has been a landmark at the east end of the Rocky River bridge for 25 years, was burned on the face and head. Joseph Benedict, 21890 Lake Road, Rocky River, an employee, was burned on the head. Dr. George A. Joes, 17884 Beach Road, Lakewood, a customer, was cut on the head by flying glass. The three were treated at Lakewood Hospital.

Tell of Smelling Fumes.

Others in the place who escaped injury were Fred Ackerman, 1291

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Edanola Avenue, pharmacist and member of the firm; Malcolm Lang, 1379 Eibur Avenue, Lakewood, son of Police Captain H. C. Lang of Lakewood, and a clerk in the store; Georgia Jolley, 8005 Lake Avenue N. W., a waitress; Earl Seedhouse, 1941 Telbir Avenue, Rocky River, a dish washer; Robert Lavis, 7231 Elton Avenue N. W., a cook, and Warren Purdue, 10233 Detroit Avenue N. W., a waiter. There also were five customers in the restaurant and two in the drug section.

Coulter and Claude Morris, 15103 Arden Avenue, Lakewood, said gas was smelled in the basement of the place yesterday morning and the East Ohio Gas Co. was notified. They said company employees came out and searched the place for leaks, but found none except one in a shut-off cock. The gas company worked for more than three hours, Coulter and Morris said.

Later the smell of gas returned, Coulter said, and he and Benedict were in the basement "smelling for the leak" when the explosion occurred.

All of the plate glass windows on the Detroit Avenue and Sloane Avenue sides were blown into the street, where several persons were waiting for street cars, but none was injured as far as could be learned.

The explosion caused an upheaval of the floors in the drug store and the restaurant. Showcases and counters were tossed about and turned over and the contents were strewn over the floors.

Windows in a barber shop operated by Jack Moss at 1321 Sloane Avenue, adjoining the Coulter Co. building, also were broken.

Fire which broke out in the basement of the Coulter store was extinguished soon after the arrival of Lakewood firemen. Capt. Lang and Lieut. C. J. Cosmair directed police squads in roping off the area in front of the store to protect pedestrians from falling glass and other materials as the building showed signs of bulging.

CITY WATER 'OFF COLOR'

Painesville Housewives Pass Up Wash Day, or Pump Wells.

PAINESVILLE, O., March 2.—Today may be wash day but not many homes in Painesville observed it.

The condition of the water pumped through the city's main prevented it.

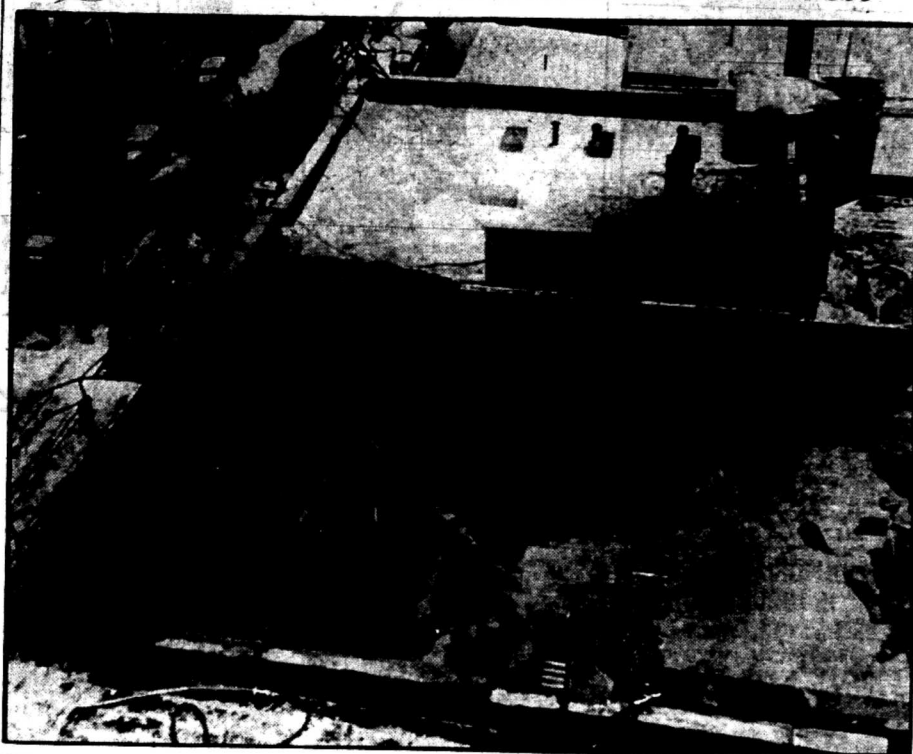
Fine silt which passed through the filters at the pumping station discolored the water and extra chlorine used to purify it gave it an offensive odor.

Housewives went to where they knew of good wells or springs and carried water in buckets, as in the "good old days."

City Manager Clifford S. Fullerton promised "much better" water for tomorrow.

Get \$500 Loot From Ohio Lodge. MARTIN FERRY, O. March 2.—Police today were seeking robbers who carried away \$500 worth of liquor, food and equipment from the lodge room of the Fraternal Order of Eagles here.

Where Fire Killed Three at Warren



Associated Press Photo.

3 DEAD, 5 MISSING IN OHIO HOTEL FIRE

Six Injured in Warren's Worst Blaze Since 1866; Damage Put at \$150,000.

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suffering from suffocation and shock, was in City Hospital, and was unable to describe guests and permanent residents to permit an accurate check of the occupants.

Several, however, were believed to have checked out before the fire broke out shortly before noon.

James R. O'Day of Girard saved his life by clinging to a narrow stone ledge 40 feet above a brick alley and shouting for help. Firemen saved him but his hands and forearms were severely burned.

The fire-ravaged ruins of the Warren Hotel at Warren, where three persons, trapped by the flames, met death yesterday, are shown here. The picture was taken from the top of a higher building adjoining.

Wallace Ready to Launch New AAA

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(AP)—Secretary Wallace tonight played himself at the head of a list of government farm officials who will launch the new \$500,000,000 soil conservation-subsidy program at regional meetings this week in Memphis and Chicago.

The AAA, declining to divulge details in advance of the conferences with farmers and farm representatives, said the agricultural secretary would leave for Memphis after a cabinet dinner Wednesday night.

After addressing the southern group Friday, he will proceed to Chicago for an address at the mid-western meeting Saturday. Both conferences will begin Thursday and last three days. Similar meetings will be held next week in New

RAIL HAULING BILL HEADS FOR HOUSE

Inter-Mountain Representa- tives to Fight It to End on Floor.

WASHINGTON, March 2.—(AP)—The railroad long-and-short-haul repeal bill today was headed for the House debating arena already denounced on one hand as a "subterfuge" to let railroads drive water carriers out of business and defended on the other as necessary to permit the rails to live in the face of water and bus competition.

The bill would permit railroads to charge less for a long haul than for a shorter one over the same route in the same direction.

Inter-mountain representatives served notice they would fight the

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