

CAMDEN BUSINESS

BLOCK THREATENED

Flames Cause \$28,000 Loss
in Two Kaighn Avenue
Stores—Fireman Injured

Private Watchman Shot by
Negro Robbers Has Fight-
ing Chance for Life

Two firemen were injured, another was overcome by smoke, and damage to the extent of \$28,000 was caused by flames which early yesterday morning threatened to destroy the entire retail business block on Kaighn avenue between Broadway and Fourth streets, Camden. Starting in the men's furnishing store of Neil Zeidman, 437 Kaighn avenue, and spreading to the Almar store, at 439 Kaighn avenue, the flames appeared so menacing that Chief Carter sent in a second alarm. The fire was confined to the two stores. Zeidman places his loss at \$25,000, principally on stock. The Almar store was damaged to the extent of \$3000.

Fire Lieutenant Harry Chambers, of 972 South Eighth street, was overcome by smoke. David Smith and Charles Haines, hosemen, were knocked down by a hose getting from their grasp, the stream being turned on them. They suffered contusions and bruises. All three firemen were taken to the Homeopathic Hospital. It is thought that the fire was caused by crossed wires. Iron bars over the rear windows in the Zeidman store became charged with electricity and several firemen were shocked when the current ran down the water lines.

Although a bullet fired by one of two negro robbers passed clear through his chest, John Brazier, a private watchman of Camden, has a chance for recovery at Cooper Hospital. The bullet dropped to the floor when surgeons at Cooper Hospital removed Brazier's clothing. The watchman's condition is serious, but the doctors say he has a fighting chance. He was shot at Fourth and Line streets, Monday night, when he resisted the negroes, who demanded that he hand over his money. Brazier, although wounded, fired at the robbers as they fled. One of the men temporarily halted at the first shot, and it is the belief of the officer that the bullet took effect.

Captain Schregler is of the opinion that the robbers are the same two who held up and robbed Thomas Pine of \$6 at the point of a revolver. Pine lives at 667 Vanhook street and was held up at Sixth and Mechanic streets. Two colored men are being held on suspicion, but Captain of Detectives Schregler does not believe they are the bandits.

No trace has yet been found of the body of John Grasill, of 976 North Lawrence street, Philadelphia, whose coat and hat were found on the ferryboat Delaware of the Reading line. "I am ending it all" was the message on a note found in the coat, and signed by Grasill. Although no one saw the map go overboard, it is the belief of the police that Grasill jumped from the boat in midstream. Relatives yesterday identified the clothing as that of Grasill, who is missing from home. Members of the crew of the boat saw Grasill pacing up and down the cabin after he had discarded his hat and coat.