

In Jersey

FIRE DESTROYS KAIRER'S BAKERY

Camden Firemen Had a Hard
Battle With Flames Fanned
by High Winds

Horses Rescued and Adjoining Prop-
erty Saved—Loss Is Estimated
at \$25,000

Fire of mysterious origin last evening gutted the two-story brick bakery of William G. Kairer, at 415 Line street, Camden. About 8 o'clock Edward Osmond discovered flames shooting through the skylight. An alarm was quickly turned in and was followed by others until the entire fire department was called out. The flames, fanned by a high wind, gained rapid headway, and the row of frame dwellings along Pine street in the rear of the bakery was soon threatened with destruction. The firemen succeeded in keeping the flames confined to the bakery. A brick firewall on Line street saved adjoining properties from catching fire. The horses and wagons on the first floor of the bakery, barrels of flour and bales of hay were saved by the neighbors.

The bakery adjoins the rear of No. 1 Engine House, and the firemen were quickly at work quenching the flames. All efforts to save the building were of no avail.

Mrs. Elizabeth Byrne, of 420 Line street, was seriously ill in bed, and preparations to move her were made, although it was feared the attempt might prove fatal. The firemen, however, kept the flames from spreading to this house.

Baker William G. Kairer was attending a lodge meeting at the Masonic Temple when the fire broke out. When he reached the scene the building was a mass of flames. To an Inquirer representative he said:

"Every dollar that I have in the world is in that building, and is now going up in smoke. I am a ruined man."

Mr. Kairer places his loss at about \$25,000, with \$15,000 insurance. The building was heavily stocked at the time of the fire, and contained two ovens that cost \$4000, in addition to valuable machinery.

The bakery turned out fancy cakes and crackers. The business was started about twenty years ago by William Kairer, Sr., who was murdered six years ago by Theodore Lambert, a colored burglar. After Lambert's case had been carried twice to the United States Supreme Court he was hanged in the Camden jail.
