

WEST END FIRE CLAIMS 2 LIVES; BUILDING GUTTED

**Bert Clark and Frank L. Leary
Cremated in Blazing Room at
2914 West Third Street—Mrs.
Harry Schapery Snatches Babe
From Man and Escapes Death.**

**Henry Larson Injured in Leap
From Second-Story Window.
Others in Supper Party Flee
Through Flames and Smoke to
Safety—Property Loss \$5,000.**

Fighting in vain against smoke and blaze, Frank Leary, age, 25, and Bert Clark, age 23, both married, were burned beyond recognition in a fire that gutted a two-story frame building at 2914 West Third street about midnight last night. Henry Larson, age 21, 511 North Sixtieth avenue West, sustained severe bruises in a leap to safety from a second-story window.

The three men together with four others, were attending a party in the flat of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Schapery who live over Schapery's bakery in the same building. They were at supper when a noise from below sent one of the men to investigate. He saw smoke curling up about the water pipes under the kitchen sink. He yelled "fire," and a desperate struggle for safety followed.

Mother Rescues Babe.

Leary and Larson started for the rear door leading to an outside stairway on the west side of the building. The others, Clarke carrying the youngest child of the Schaperys, age two, started for the front stairs. As the hall door opened a cloud of smoke enveloped all.

Clark fled toward the rear stairs, but in his retreat met Mrs. Schapery, who screamed to him not to turn back. He persisted and they argued the question in the smoke and heat. Seeing that he was determined to go that way, Mrs. Schapery wrestled with him until she tugged the baby from his arms. They separated and all of those who went the front way, including the other Schapery child, age 4, gained the street without injury.

Crowd Circles Building.

The fire department arrived shortly afterward and found a number of frenzied people circling about the building and crying that there were men inside. The fire had gained such headway, however, that it was impossible to get near the building.

It was more than an hour later before the fire had been sufficiently smothered so the charred bodies of the men could be reached. Leary was found lying on his side just in front of the door he had battled to

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reach and Clark lay on his face a few feet behind. The bodies were so badly burned they could not be distinguished except for a bandage that Leary wore about his throat.

When Larson reached the rear of the building he could not get to the door, but finding a window he crashed a chair through it and broke the frame. He then crawled outside and swinging down by his hands, he dropped to the ground. Larson is a violinist and was the musician at the party. He was a stranger to many of those in attendance.

Among the others who escaped were John Stewart and Harry Paul.

Both Victims Married.

Clark was a teamster and lived at 2231 West Superior street. He is survived by his wife and one child 6 months old. Leary was married and lived at 3520 West Third street. He was a telephone operator at the Board of Trade building.

The origin of the fire could not be ascertained last night by Chief Randall, except that the blaze started in the bakery. The damage approximated, in a rough estimate, \$5,000.

Little of the building was saved beyond the bare frame and a small portion of the front of the second story. This small portion of the flat contained the best of the family's furniture, which was saved from the flames, although greatly damaged by the smoke and water.