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COLLINGDALE POTTERY DESTROYED BY FIRE – FLAMES Discovered in the Building before Daylight This Morning, But the Borough Industry is Swept Away and Other Property Put in Danger – Darby Firemen Fight the Flames

AT 2:15 o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the old Bunting grist mill at the corner of Springfield Avenue and Chester Pike, Collingdale, and so rapidly did the flames spread that the building was soon doomed.

The mill had been leased by Green & Abbell, a well-known Philadelphia firm, for the manufacture of all kinds of pottery, and was to have been opened this morning. The machinery had been installed in the building and a large amount of material for the manufacture of the goods had been put in the stock houses and all this was destroyed.

The flames were discovered by a cattle driver who was passing at the time and an alarm was sent in. The Darby Fire Company responded and the firemen finding themselves unable to battle with the flames alone, sent a hurried call in the Sixty-fifth station fire company of Philadelphia, which responded to the alarm and rendered valuable assistance.

It was at first thought that a number of the adjoining properties would be destroyed, but by a herald effort of the firemen they were saved. The loss, which is covered by insurance, will amount to about \$2,500. The origin of the fire is a mystery.

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