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TAPROOM BOMBED SECOND TIME IN SEVEN WEEKS



Seven weeks ago, almost to the minute, the taproom of Vincent Margarite, southeast corner Warnock and Wolf sts., was bombed. At 3 A. M. today, the outrage was repeated, and 65 homes in the vicinity were damaged. In the inset is the proprietor, who blames business rivals for the terrorism.

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"Shake-down" Attempt
Hinted as Cause of Blast
at Taproom

The glaziers, plumbers, carpenters, electricians and masons were doing a land-office business in the vicinity of Wolf and Warnock sts. yesterday—and so was Vincent Margarite's taproom, on the northwest corner.

The front and the best part of the interior of the taproom were blown to smithereens yesterday morning, and slumbering residents for blocks around were tumbled from their beds amid the wreckage of bedroom windows when a dynamite bomb let go at 2.45 A. M.

Police investigators talked feebly of "business rivals," but they were

Mystery Shrouds S. Phila. Bombing

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thinking in terms of commercial racketeers, whose overtures may have been balked, possibly unconsciously, by the taproom proprietors.

Three persons, all unidentified, were questioned by police during the day, but last night there appeared to be a complete dearth of clues.

Shakedown Hinted

One theory, which police declined either to conform or deny, was that gentlemen who deal in bombs as a part of their persuasive equipment had endeavored to impose a "shakedown" of some kind on Vincent.

The taproom proprietor himself expressed complete lack of knowledge as to the reason for the explosion which caused minor injury to only one or two people, but which threw that entire section of South Philadelphia into a state bordering on panic for several hours.

A business rival, police argued privately, would not go to the trouble of purchasing and "planting" a charge which was estimated to have consisted of no less than three sticks of 60 per cent. dynamite.

From the destruction wrought by the blast, it was apparent that the bomb had been placed on the front step of the taproom. Had it been placed inside, or in the cellar, the entire structure might have been demolished, police with a knowledge of explosives asserted.