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MAN DIES IN BOAT BLAST

A 43-year-old man was fatally burned and five people, including three children, were injured—two seriously—in an explosion and fire which destroyed the £2,200 pleasure cruiser Mab at Outer Harbor on Saturday.

Ernest Stuckey, master butcher, of Ferguson square, Toorak Gardens, died in the Royal Adelaide Hospital yesterday morning.

The other injured taken to hospital were:—

Robert Harrison, 45, dairyman, of Esplanade, Largs Bay—Severe burns, condition serious.

Lorna Harrison, his wife, —Burns and shock.

Pauline Harrison, 8, their daughter — Burns and shock.

Brian Stuckey, 3—Severe burns, condition critical.

Janet Stuckey, 7—Burns.

The Harrisons were admitted to the Royal Adelaide Hospital and the three children to the Adelaide Children's Hospital.

Mr. Stuckey's wife, Mrs. Beryl Stuckey, who was not aboard the craft when the explosion occurred at the Royal SA Yacht Squadron basin, took her

injured son to hospital in a private car.

Two ambulances and private cars took the other injured to hospital while police patrols cleared the way ahead for them.

Rescue Bid

Eyewitnesses said Mr. Harrison, although shockingly burned and with his clothes ablaze, made desperate efforts to save the children by throwing them into the water, and jumping in after them.

Mr. Stuckey, who is believed to have boarded the Mab to start the engine or light a stove, received the full force of the blast and was thrown into the water.

Others aboard the craft leapt into the water with their clothes on fire.

The Mab, owned by Mr. Harrison, had taken on 40 gallons of petrol shortly before the explosion.

She was moored alongside two other pleasure craft, the Pedare, owned by Mr. Stuckey, and the Maromar, owned by Mr. R. T. Favilla, of Tusmore avenue, Tusmore.

'Sheet Of Flame'

Mr. Favilla said, later: "There was a huge sheet of flame, and I could see bodies going into the water."

"A dinghy dragged Ern Stuckey to the dock, and I dragged him on to it."

Mr. J. R. Needle, of Shirley avenue, Woodville, who was on his yacht Tern, 30 yards away, said: "I saw Harrison, his clothes ablaze, throwing children into the water. Mr. Stuckey, who was in the water, clung to my dinghy and I rowed him ashore."

Firemen from Port Adelaide used foam extinguishers on the blaze, and the craft was beached.

A wallet containing £171 belonging to Mr. Stuckey was afterwards found floating in the Yacht Squadron basin.

Mr. Stuckey was a well-known motor cycling official. He was also vice-commodore of the Port Adelaide Yacht Club.

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The victim's taxi which was found at Clearview and which was taken to police headquarters.

St. Kilda Ban On Killigrew

MELBOURNE, March 29.

Norwood coach Alan Killigrew has been banned by the St. Kilda Football Club committee from entering all rooms used by its players.

The ban follows an incident at half-time in yesterday's main practice match at St. Kilda.

Killigrew, who was St. Kilda coach last year — and thus entitled to the "run" of the rooms — allegedly made a disparaging remark to two players.

The players held a protest meeting immediately after the match.

The St. Kilda president (Mr. G. Huggins) said tonight:—"We had no alternative but to bar him. The committee must always protect the coach and players from abuses."

Reply

Killigrew, who is here for Easter to see his sick mother, said tonight:—"St. Kilda's ban won't make any difference to me."

"Perhaps I shouldn't have said what I did, but this was a personal matter between two players and myself and I'm only human."

"I think St. Kilda's action is a bit drastic."

Killigrew admitted that he told one of the players that he "looked frightened" and another that he "was a bit slow."

"These were two players I had done a lot for in the past and they turned on me when the trouble was on at St. Kilda," he added.

"I suppose you could say I was evening up an old score."

"Sting" Was Of Snake

TINTINARA, Mar. 29.

A boy who thought he had been stung by a wasp last night when he put his hand in a sack of potatoes was rushed 50 miles to hospital this morning when a venomous brown snake was found in the sack.

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