Police Hunt Bodies In Tugboat Tragedy

The bodies of a tugboat captain and four crew members who drowned Sunday when their 115-ton craft was sunk by a barge in the Delaware River, were still being sought yesterday.

Four other crewmen were rescued shortly after the barge, which had sunk while being towed to a Camden shipyard for repairs, suddenly surged to the surface and capsized the tug. Both craft plunged to the river bed.

J. H. Murray, of New York, superintendent of floating equipment for the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad, owners of the barge—technically known as a "car float"—arrived here yesterday to supervise its salvage. A Camden marine salvage firm is expected to begin work today on raising the tug, owned by the Taylor & Anderson Towing & Lighterage Co.

Captain Robert Black, of the police Motor Harbor Patrol, spent yesterday directing a search for the victims of the unusual accident, which occurred 500 yards north of the Delaware River Bridge, on the east side of the ship channel.

The ill-fated tug had been stationed over the sunken barge to warn river traffic. It is believed the barge was forced to the surface by suction from the wash of a passing vessel.

A B. & O. spokesman said yesterday that the barge, loaded with freight cars, first sank last week while moored at Pier 12 North. A floating log apparently "punched a hole in its side," he said. A derrick removed the cars, and the barge was refloated and was being towed away for repairs when it sank again, he said.

Events of the Day

Lions Club of Germantown, luncheon-meeting, Delmar Morris, 6001 1/2 S. W. 12:15  P.M.

Logan-North City Lions Club, luncheon, Fried's, 5822 Old York road, 12:30  P.M.

Optimist Club, luncheon-meeting, Kugler's, W. 12th St., 12:30  P.M.

Central Lions Club, luncheon, Benjamin Franklin, 12:30  P.M.

United War Chest, luncheon, Bellevue-Stratford, 12:30  P.M.

Russian War Relief, meeting, Benjamin Franklin, 1:30  P.M.

County Medical Society, woman's auxiliary meeting, County Medical Auditorium, 21st and Spruce sts., 2  P.M.

Philadelphia Music Club, concert, Bellevue-Stratford, 2:30  P.M.

Furniture Club, annual dinner, Benjamin Franklin, 7  P.M.

American Pharmaceutical Association, Philadelphia branch, lecture, Philadelphia College of Pharmacy and Science, 43d st. and Kingsessing ave., 7:15  P.M.