

4 Members of Family Die In Apartment House Fire

BOSTON, Aug. 27.—(P)—Four members of one family perished, 16 persons were rescued over ladders and 50 others fled to safety when fire roared through a five-story brick apartment house in the thickly populated

Bowdoin Square area early today. The dead were identified by police as Mr. and Mrs. Archie Marotta; their daughter, Phyllis, 8, and son, Joseph, 10. Eye-witnesses said that Mrs. Marotta died a heroine attempting to rescue her two children after she had once reach a window leading to a fire escape.

Fire Damages Box Plant

WILLOW RANCH, Calif., Aug. 28.—(P)—Damage totaling \$15,000 was caused by fire to the Willow Ranch Company box plant yesterday, but President Fred Dougherty reported little equipment was lost. Firemen saved the nearby lumber piles.

Boy Charged With Killing Playmate

BUFFALO, N. Y., Aug. 28.—(P)—Police Lt. Peter Connors arrived today from Pittsburgh and said he would return Charles Hazlett, 13, on a first degree murder warrant in connection with the New Year's eve death of the boy's playmate, Michael Gerrich, 12, whose skeleton was found in a Pittsburgh cellar.

The Hazlett boy has been visiting an aunt here during school vacation. Assistant Detective Chief Nowakowski quoted the Hazlett boy last night as saying that he and "Mike" were playing "holdup man" in the kitchen of the Hazlett home, two doors from the Gerricks last New Year's eve, using a .22 caliber rifle belonging to Hazlett's father.

Nowakowski said the Hazlett boy told Buffalo police the gun went off "some way or other" and a bullet struck young Gerrich who mumbled "something like I'm dying" and fell to the floor.

According to Nowakowski's account, the Hazlett boy said he was "scared to death" and had tried to hide the body by dragging it into the cellar and putting it under some crates and baskets. In Pittsburgh, the Gerrich boy's grief-stricken, widowed mother, Mrs. Anna Gerrich, said she had reported her son missing within a few days and that she used part of her meager income from a pension and a \$15 weekly wage as a laundress to take long street car rides in hopes that she would sight her son on a Pittsburgh street. She has four other children.

to visit the house occupied by his brother, Clyde, until two weeks ago. No charge has been made to visitors but Earp disclosed that would be changed. He said he planned to sell some little things like picture cards and "if some body buys 50 cents worth, I'll show him the Truman room free."

Smoke Bombs Planted on 4 Grants Pass Homes

GRANTS PASS, Aug. 28.—(P)—Smoke bombs, composed of a small chemical core wrapped in photographic negatives, and surrounded by a newspaper wrapping, were left on the porch or window sill of four Grants Pass homes sometime Sunday evening or early Monday morning, stated Chief of Police Carl M. Dallas, who is investigating the case.

Dallas said that the bombs, obviously of home-made origin, were fortunately discovered before much damage occurred, although some damage to paint was caused.

A group of juveniles seen near one of the homes Sunday was believed to be responsible for the placing of the smoke-making bombs, said Dallas, who added: "These could have caused several serious fires and when the parties are apprehended they and their parents will be held responsible for damage done."

An unidentified substance, forming the central core of the bombs, burned with a pungent odor.

Poland Arrests U. S. Embassy Translator

WARSAW, Aug. 28.—(P)—The U. S. embassy said last night that Polish security police had arrested Mrs. Irene Dmochowska of Chicago, an embassy translator, for "questioning" and that thus far embassy officials had been unable to communicate with her, although they have been promised permission to do so.

Worker Crushed to Death by Shifting Tiles

MADRAS, Ore., Aug. 28.—(P)—William Nelson, division maintenance crew worker on the Oregon Trunk Railroad, was crushed to death yesterday at Metullus when a pile of tiles shifted and rolled. Another worker leaped to

safety as the tiles rolled from a car while the two men stood on the stack.

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Truman Birthplace Builds Business

LAMAR, Mo., Aug. 28.—(P)—Everett Earp, tired of listening to the city council and chamber of commerce argue about who is going to build a sign pointing out President Truman's birthplace. He is going to put one up himself.

Earp is owner of the five-room white frame cottage where the president was born. He also is a real estate dealer and has been chief constable here for 16 years. Explaining that his sign would be six feet high and eight feet wide, Earp said it would be erected "right by that tall pine tree—60 feet high, it is—that the Trumans planted the day the president was born."

"Of course, I'm having the house fixed up, with paint and a new roof and all. Then I'm putting up a place on the back of the lot for my real estate office, with a garage and a recreation room built on. My real estate sign will go out front with the Truman sign, when it's all finished."

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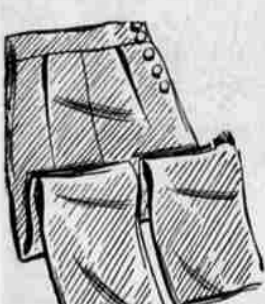
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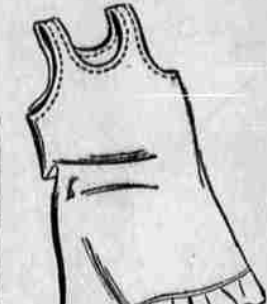
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