

ARBUCKLE ADMITS ATTACK IS REPORT

Witness Recounts Reputed Revelations of Actor.

INFORMATION KEPT BACK

Miss Rappe's Death Held Due to Comedian's Act.

AL SEMNACHER ON STAND

Use of Foreign Substance and Ice Figure in Testimony Before Los Angeles Grand Jury.

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Admissions declared by Al Semnacher, comedian, before the grand jury today, that he had made by Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle the comedian used a foreign substance in an attack upon Miss Virginia Rappe during a party at the Hotel St. Francis in San Francisco were testified to today before the Los Angeles county grand jury by Semnacher, according to W. C. Doran, chief deputy district attorney. Arbuckle is held at San Francisco charged with murder of Miss Rappe. Doran said Semnacher swore that Arbuckle told of applying ice to certain portions of Miss Rappe's body.

Information Kept Secret.

The testimony was given before the grand jury and Chief Deputy Doran outlined it in confirming reports that Semnacher had, previously in his testimony today, made the same statement to him and at that time declared that at no time previous, even at the San Francisco inquiry, had he divulged this information. Semnacher testified that on the morning following the party in the Hotel St. Francis Arbuckle told him, in the presence of Lowell Sherman, actor; Fred Fischbach, director, and Harry McCullough, chauffeur, that he had taken Miss Rappe into a room with him and had committed certain acts in connection with the alleged crime. These acts, according to Chief Deputy Doran, were of such character as likely to have caused the injury from which the death of Miss Rappe resulted.

Chauffeur Is Examined.

The grand jury session was called by Chief Deputy Doran in order to hear this testimony, information concerning which was immediately conveyed to District Attorney Brady at San Francisco. Harry McCullough, chauffeur for Arbuckle, who was present when these alleged statements were made by Arbuckle, according to Semnacher's testimony, was also examined by the grand jury today, but his testimony was not made public.

Semnacher announced after the examination that he would leave Los Angeles for San Francisco tonight, either by train or automobile.

Liquor Evidence Obtained.

Only Arbuckle himself had the key to the cellar of his West Adams street residence here, according to Miss Katherine Fitzgerald, detective for Arbuckle. In testimony given today by Ralph Camarillo, assistant district attorney.

Miss Fitzgerald Said, According to Mr. Camarillo, that she understood Arbuckle's cellar was "generously stocked" with liquors; that he alone entered it; that she did not know whether he had taken any with him when he started for San Francisco on the trip which resulted in his arrest for the alleged murder of Miss Rappe; and that while she arranged for the removal of other household expenses, she never had seen a bill for liquor among them.

Mr. Camarillo stated Miss Fitzgerald's statements checked with evidence already in the possession of federal officials who were investigating the source of liquor drunk at the Arbuckle party in San Francisco.

FISCHBACH'S REPLIES EVASIVE

Semnacher's Testimony in Los Angeles Declared Contradictory.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Fred Fischbach questioned today regarding testimony of Al Semnacher in Los Angeles that Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle had made admissions about his treatment of Miss Virginia Rappe at the Hotel St. Francis party which led to her death, gave "evasive replies," according to District Attorney Matthew A. Brady.

Fischbach was one of the persons to whom Arbuckle made the statements, according to the story which W. C. Doran, deputy district attorney at Los Angeles, said Semnacher told the grand jury. C. Fortiouis, another member of the drinking party in Arbuckle's suite, also was questioned today by the district attorney, but Mr. Brady said nothing new had been learned from him.

Semnacher's testimony before the grand jury in Los Angeles contradicted his grand jury testimony here, according to Isadore Golden, deputy district attorney, who said Semnacher had denied discussing the affair with Arbuckle, although he accompanied Arbuckle to San Francisco after the girl's death. From other witnesses, Golden stated, had been received assertions that the film

WASHINGTON GENERAL TAX LEVY IS REDUCED

STATE MAKES 50 PER CENT CUT AS REVENUE BASIC.

Military Fund Also Pared, While Education Gets Rise and Bonus Money Is Provided.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Sept. 21.—State tax levies for the several state funds this year, as determined by the state board of equalization, were announced here today in a statement by the board as follows:

Fund	1920	1921
General	30.00	23.00
Military	30.00	15.00
Public school	4.90	5.34
University	34.00	34.00
State college	43.87	43.87
Bellingham Normal	152.20	152.20
Capitol building	30.00	30.00
Decisions	34.00	34.00
Ellensburg Normal	118.12	118.12
Centralia Normal	90.00	90.00
Facilities	30.00	30.00
Public highway	1.50	1.50
Public highway	1.00	1.00
State	60.00	60.00
Total all state funds	14.68	14.63

The statement reads in part: "The increased levy for the public school fund, from 4.80 mills to 5.34 mills, was made necessary by a decreased valuation and the steadily growing number of school children."

"The levies for institutions of higher learning were increased by the legislature from an aggregate levy for this purpose of 1.58 mills to 2.349 mills, and the bonus bond retirement fund of 1 mill voted by the people at the 1920 election.

"The reductions were made in the only two funds over which the committee on equalization had jurisdiction or authority to change. First, the military, because it was believed that a reduction of 33 1/3 per cent will raise sufficient money to pay the expenses under the present economical management; and, second, the general fund because it appears that with an actual overdraft in the state treasury on April 1, 1921, of \$1,023,646.11, and \$311,555.74 of amounts outstanding and \$235,756.04 of audited but unpaid claims, entirely paid, and some \$600,000 more in the treasury to the credit of the general fund than there was one year ago, it is considered that the legislature should make a more economical and efficient operation of the administrative code the general fund levy can be reduced 50 per cent and raise sufficient money to pay all bills and carry us through the biennial with a cash balance in the treasury, while leaving the poll-tax receipts intact, with which to pay the bonus claims in excess of the \$1,000,000 for which bonds already have been issued."

BOY IS KILLED BY TRUCK

Youth Who Dared in Front of Machine Sustains Fracture of Skull.

Charles Walton, 5-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Walton, 387 Davis street, was killed almost instantly yesterday afternoon when he was struck by a light delivery truck operated by Howard Jones, aged 21, an employee of the Automotive Sales company. The fatality occurred at the corner of Park and Everett streets.

According to eye-witnesses the boy was playing in the park blocks, when he suddenly darted from the curb directly in the path of the machine. Jones was unable to avoid striking the boy, who was thrown to the pavement with a fractured skull. Motorcycle Patrolmen Stiles and Tulley made an investigation and reported that Jones was not at fault. Jones resides at Beaverton. It was not announced whether an inquest would be held.

CATTLE MARKET BETTER

Increased Consumption Factor in Improved Export Trade.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Improvement in the live cattle export trade and in the demand for dressed beef, together with better local conditions and consequent increased consumption are factors in present market conditions, according to a statement issued at the offices of the California Cattlemen's association here today.

The statement adds that pains are being formulated rapidly for loaning a sum exceeding several millions of dollars, if necessary, to California cattle men through the federal war finance corporation and that the rate of interest on such loans will not exceed eight per cent, while it may, possibly be less.

GIRLS FOR SIMPLE DRESS

High School Students Vote to Cut Out Expensive Apparel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Girl students of the high school of commerce, about 1000 in number, voted, 3 to 1, today in favor of abolishing the wearing of silk stockings, transparent waists, fancy frocks and pyramidal hair dressing and to wear cotton stockings, middie blouses and wash dresses.

A decision to take a secret ballot was reached at a mass meeting of the girls yesterday. Members of the faculty did not advise the girls in the matter, according to Charles Murphy, principal.

Canadian Visit Canceled.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—An official announcement made yesterday indicated that the Prince of Wales will not visit Canada on his return journey next month. The battleship Renown, on which the prince will make the voyage, will leave for Gibraltar October 26.

PEACE TREATIES GIVEN TO SENATE

Tax Revision Bill Is Also Before Upper House.

PROGRAMME IS CONGESTED

Congress Reassembles After 30-Day Recess.

ANTI-BEER MEASURE UP

Democrat Assails President for Letter to New Mexicans on Eve of Election.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—Receipts by the senate of the tax revision bill from the finance committee and of the peace treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary from President Harding were features of the reassembling of congress today after its recess.

Only brief sessions were held, the senate, after reopening of warfare over the anti-beer bill and a demagogic attack on President Harding and administration policies, adjourned until tomorrow, and the house, under its agreement to transact no important business until October 4, adjourned until Saturday, after a perfunctory meeting. Three-day recesses will continue until next month.

In the senate the peace treaties were referred to the foreign relations committee, which will begin their consideration tomorrow. Little time would be required by the committee, Senator Lodge said. Night sessions of the senate, republican leaders said, were being considered.

Programme Is Congested.

Senator Lodge, Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, in charge of the anti-beer bill, and other republican leaders conferred today with the president regarding the senate programme, which is admittedly congested. The immediate programme, it was announced, was to expedite the tax bill and the peace treaties. Debate on the former probably will begin Monday, with the anti-beer bill to come up at a later date. The treaties, also, it was said, would be "sandwiched in."

The railroad debt funding bill is expected to follow the tax measure, while the technical "unfinished business" is the Borah bill to restore free ship to American coastwise vessels using the Panama canal. This is fixed for a vote October 19, with the tax measure being given place in the meantime.

Numerous bills and resolutions were introduced today and large crowds in the galleries of both senate and house witnessed the reconvening.

Senator Harrison of Mississippi, democrat, today attacked President (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

ANTI-BEER BILL BOBS UP IN SENATE AGAIN

ONCE MORE DRY MEASURE IS SHUNTED ASIDE.

Opponents Obstruct Efforts to Put Proposed Willis-Campbell Law to Vote.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Sept. 21.—John Barleycorn's ghost came back to haunt congress today when the anti-beer bill bobbed up again in the senate. It met the same opposition over the search-and-seizure provision as before the recess and again was shunted aside.

Senator Sterling, republican, South Dakota, who had conferred with President Harding, called up the conference report on the Willis-Campbell bill, which the house had adopted, but a call for a quorum, a motion to adjourn and other obstructive tactics prevented any real consideration.

Senator Sterling promised tonight to continue pressing the conference report, but final enactment remained much in doubt. With opponents blocking a vote, republican leaders are insisting that the senate proceed with the tax revision bill. This would head off action on the anti-beer measure and leave its disposition subject to later senate consideration of the railroad bill, peace treaties and other measures.

MOTORTRUCK KILLS GIRL

Child Run Down in Walla Walla by Rancher of Oregon.

WALLA WALLA, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Virginia Routh, 7 years old, was run over by a motor truck and killed this afternoon at Fourth and Sumach streets. The driver of the truck, Ed Vonderahe, a rancher in Umatilla county, Oregon, immediately reported the accident to the police, who turned the matter over to the coroner for an investigation.

Mr. Vonderahe, who was driving a heavy load of gasoline and oil to his ranch, said that the girl started to cross the street, then evidently became confused and ran back, directly in front of his truck.

The child was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Routh. Mr. Routh is with the Siegel Stock company, in Wenatchee, while Mrs. Routh has been staying here to keep the three children in school.

HOOD EXHIBIT EN ROUTE

Motortruck Is Hauling Products to Oregon State Fair.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Mr. and Mrs. P. L. Manser left here today with a motor truck loaded with the greatest variety of agricultural and horticultural products ever sent by Hood River county to an Oregon state fair. It is thought that Hood River produces fruit alone, but some of the premier hay districts of the state will have to display top-notch alfalfa to keep exhibits of Hood River alfalfa, grown by Mr. Manser and E. F. Batten, from taking first award.

The big exhibit includes about 30 boxes of earlier varieties of apples, grapes, hops, pumpkins, corn, sweet potatoes, cabbage, pumpkins, corn, sweet potatoes, okra, walnuts, peppers, popcorn and various grains. Potted everbearing strawberry plants, laden with ripe and fresh fruit, will form a unique part of the display.

WATER DISTRICT VOTED

Upper Hood River Valley Ranchers Will Bond Their Project.

HOOD RIVER, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Ranchers of the upper valley community in the vicinity of Parkdale, by 32 to nine, have voted to convert the Middle Fork Irrigation company, operated as a joint stock company, into a bonded irrigation district. Directors of the new district were named as follows: C. C. Walton, Isaac Beal and C. E. McIntosh.

The district is the third to be formed in the valley. Next to the East Fork district, which covers the east side orchards and ranches of the lower valley, it includes the largest acreage of the fruit section, approximately 3000 acres lying under the system.

PROVISIONS GIVEN TO STARVING CREW

NOTTINGHAM'S SIGNAL FOR HELP IS ANSWERED.

Rations on Vessel on Way to Port Townsend Give Out Before Port Can Be Made.

COOS BAY, Or., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The Norwegian four-masted schooner William Nottingham, 96 days out from Buenos Aires to Port Townsend, is still hovering off this port, awaiting delivery of food to the starving crew. The Nottingham appeared off this port yesterday afternoon and signaled for help.

Captain M. H. Jensen, of the local coast-guard, took aboard the schooner and overtake the drifting schooner until she was 10 miles off shore, blown by a southeast wind. He then learned that the crew had been on rations for several days, but these had been exhausted, despite the hope they would last until the craft reached her destination. An order for a ton and a half of food was given Captain Jensen, who was to make delivery this morning, but during the night the wind shifted and a storm made going to sea impossible with a cargo. During the day the Nottingham was not sighted and Captain Jensen believed she had proceeded on north when the southwest wind came up, fearing he would be blown on the beach.

The presence of the craft was reported late this afternoon by a passing steam schooner to the naval wireless station at Coos Bay, with her position about 14 miles north of Coos Bay and well to sea.

BANK BUYS MILL NOTES

\$10,000 of Brattle Bros. Securities Sold to Vancouver National.

RIDGEFIELD, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—The Vancouver National bank of Vancouver, Wash., has bought a \$10,000 block of secured notes of the issue of \$75,000 made some time ago by the Brattle Brothers' Mill company of Ridgefield. Investors are protected by a trust deed, securing the notes, and is held by the Title & Trust company of Portland. The Ralph A. Blanchard company of Portland is financial agent for the mill corporation, which has one of the most modern mills in the Pacific northwest. It is electrically driven entirely and cuts both shingles and cedar siding of a high grade.

A smaller shingle mill is also owned by the mill company near the municipal landing and the loader of the Lewis River Boom & Logging company. The largest mill was constructed during the summer of 1920.

SHOOTING TO BE PROBED

In an effort to test the legality of the methods used by the strikers, witnesses were sought in Bakersfield today by District Attorney Dorsey in connection with the shooting by patrolmen, said to be composed of striking oil workers of the automobile officer, W. R. Warden of the Boston Petroleum company, last night when he was returning to his home in the Kern river flats. Dictatorship by the proletariat is an established fact in the west side hills of California, according to oil property superintendents. These superintendents, representing the principal oil companies in the field, were frank in their denunciation of the methods of the strikers. They charge that it is striking a blow at American institutions to subject citizens of the state who are passing on the roads to inquisition and arrest on technical suspicion that they are "bootleggers," while the real reason is to prevent workmen from coming into the fields to exercise their lawful rights to obtain employment.

Job Rule Is Charged.

They charge that it is illegal and inequitable for strikers to be made officers of the law to enforce the decisions of the central strike committee. This, they declare, is "class law" and "mob rule."

On the other hand, the strike leaders declare their rule is a democratic one and represents the majority of the citizens of the district.

Harry Baker, vice-president of the international oil workers' union, said today:

"If the tactics now being used by the strikers were legitimate for maintaining democracy in Flanders, we feel that it is just as legitimate to use them to maintain industrial democracy in California. The object of the tactics is to establish industrial democracy by keeping out armed thugs and bootleggers who would precipitate a crisis, thereby preventing a practical, gentlemanly solution of the present controversy."

"The strike is entering its eleventh day. There have been no acts of violence, and you cannot find even a black eye in the entire strike district."

Company Property Guarded.

"The properties of the company have been guarded and protected, the Volstead act has been enforced to the letter—in fact, better than it has ever been enforced in any other community in the United States. I have right here an official document from the federal authorities commending our work and asking for our further co-operation in this particular. We have seized and turned over to the federal authorities large quantities of liquor and have seized several stills."

"How about the legality of deputizing union men who are on strike to enforce the law? Have employers ever hesitated to have guards and strike-breakers deputized by sheriffs in times of industrial disputes?"

"The rights of persons having legitimate business in the district are protected, and I have today issued renewed instructions to our patrols in pressing upon the mine necessity of using calm, deliberate judgment, and above all treating with the utmost courtesy the persons they stop and interrogate."

Citizens Back Strikers.

Merchants and citizens generally, through the district express their approval of the present method of handling (Concluded on Page 2, Column 1.)

OIL COMPANIES PREPARE FOR WAR

Plans for Combating Unions Forming.

CALIFORNIA STRIKE HOLDS

Law and Order Committee Is Denounced.

CHARGES ARE ANSWERED

Absolute Order Prevails in Eirlike District, Declares Head of Oil Workers' Union.

TAFT, Cal., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—A definite course of action to be pursued by the oil producers in combating the strike of the oil workers in the west side fields will be formulated in San Francisco following the report of a special committee of the oil producers' association, who was here today making a survey of conditions. This committee, composed of F. L. Bell, Alard de Heur and D. S. Ewing, will outline to the association a definite plan of procedure in combating the strike. The committee held conferences today with the superintendents of the various properties in the fields and made a general survey of conditions. Alleged violations of the law by members of the law and order committee of the strikers were reported to the committee by the various superintendents. One superintendent charged that Ruben H. Bare, a pumper in the Elk Hills district, had been kidnapped by the law and order committee, taken away from the county and left at San Berg's roadhouse. This was cited as a typical example of the action of the strikers. In an effort to test the legality of the methods used by the strikers, witnesses were sought in Bakersfield today by District Attorney Dorsey in connection with the shooting by patrolmen, said to be composed of striking oil workers of the automobile officer, W. R. Warden of the Boston Petroleum company, last night when he was returning to his home in the Kern river flats. Dictatorship by the proletariat is an established fact in the west side hills of California, according to oil property superintendents. These superintendents, representing the principal oil companies in the field, were frank in their denunciation of the methods of the strikers. They charge that it is striking a blow at American institutions to subject citizens of the state who are passing on the roads to inquisition and arrest on technical suspicion that they are "bootleggers," while the real reason is to prevent workmen from coming into the fields to exercise their lawful rights to obtain employment.

PERSHING RECEIVED NOISILY BY FRANCE

GENERAL'S RETURN GREETED BY EVERY CRAFT IN HARBOR.

Regiment of Infantry Lines Quay and Great Crowd Cheers With Enthusiasm.

HAVRE, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—General John J. Pershing, commander of the American armies during the war, returned to France today. The liner Paris on which General Pershing crossed the Atlantic, was escorted into the port of Havre this morning by the French fishing craft, Scrambling and Metz, ten torpedo boats and ten destroyers. The general stood on the bridge of the Paris, as guest of Captain Mauraur of the liner and received a noisy and enthusiastic welcome as the vessel steamed up the roads.

Every craft in the harbor, from fishing smacks to patrol liners, dipped their flags and sounded their sirens, while the batteries on Cape De la Heve boomed a salute of 21 guns.

A regiment of infantry lined the quay and a great crowd cheered the general as he stepped ashore. General Pershing landed. He was presented with a bouquet of American Beauties by a delegation of school children and was welcomed in the name of the city by Mayor Meyer.

A feature of the general's welcome to Havre was the hearty greeting extended him as he rode with Marshal Franchet d'Esperey in a motor car to the city hall, with the 132d regiment band, escorting him, playing the "Star-Spangled Banner" and the "Marseillaise" alternately. Fully 10,000 persons lined the route.

LOGGER IS HELD SLACKER

Failure to Register for Draft in 1918 Is Charged.

TACOMA, Wash., Sept. 21.—(Special.)—Charged with being a war slacker, Frank E. Morris, a logger from Eatonville, was arrested today by John Seerist, United States deputy marshal, and is now held in the county jail with bail set at \$1000. Morris gave his age as 29.

The specific charge for which Morris is held is that he failed to register for the second draft in 1918. The information on which the arrest was made came from local sources and not from the list sent out by the department of justice to the American Legion posts, according to John Boyle Jr., assistant district attorney.

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Tombstones Are Destroyed.

All nearby workmen's dwelling were rased. At Mannheim, across the river, 25 persons were seriously injured and 300 or more slightly injured. Ludwigshafen reports say three workmen on trains were buried under the wreckage and many children injured.

Heart-rending scenes were witnessed at the little cemetery near Oppau, where are already more than 200 bodies on the ground. Numerous tombstones were hurled in various directions. There was not a door or window left intact for a radius of three miles.

French medical units are aiding in the rescue work. Assistance also has been rushed from neighboring towns and all public and private motor cars and vehicles were requisitioned.

A regiment of colonial infantry and the first Madagascan regiment from Ludwigshafen immediately proceeded to Oppau to preserve order and aid in the work of rescue.

Disaster Is Described.

Describing the disaster, a captain of the first French colonial infantry, said:

"I was riding close to the factory at 2:30 o'clock in the morning, when I heard a dull rumbling. The earth seemed to quiver and an immense column of flame and smoke shot up a few hundred yards from me, following immediately by an explosion and a rush of air which hurled me and my horse to the earth. When I picked myself up on an immense cloud of dust and smoke hid that part of the factory near the gasometers. All sorts of objects rained down on the road."

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REPLY TO IRISH DELAYED

Lloyd George to Consult Special Committee About Answer.

LONDON, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Premier Lloyd George's reply to the latest telegram of Eamonn de Valera is unlikely to be made before next week.

The ministerial conference in Galway today considered the denial of De Valera's telegram so doubtful as to make it advisable first to submit the telegram to the special cabinet committee appointed to deal with Irish affairs.

Pope Appeals for Russians.

GENEVA, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—Pope Benedict has addressed to President Van Karnebeck of the assembly of the league of nations an appeal for the famine sufferers of Russia.

20,000 Oddfellows Parade.

TORONTO, Ont., Sept. 21.—A parade of more than 20,000 Oddfellows was the principal event on today's programme of the sovereign grand lodge in session here.

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EXPLOSION KILLS 1000 IN GERMANY

Chemical Plant and Town Razed; 2000 Injured.

CEMETERY IS SHATTERED

Workmen on Trains Are Buried Under Wreckage.

FRENCH AID IN RESCUE

4000 Tons of Nitrous Sulphates Warehouse Reported Source of Giant Upheaval.

MAYENCE, Germany, Sept. 21.—(By the Associated Press.)—A great explosion today at the chemical products plant of the Badische Anilin- und Fabrik company at Oppau on the Rhine wrecked the town and spread death and destruction. The number of killed is estimated at from 1000 to 1500 and the injured nearly 2000. One report says there were 3000 men on the spot, and it is believed that half of them were killed. Oppau is a scene of desolation, more than one-third of the houses having been destroyed while the roofs of the others were blown off. Here also many were killed or injured. Funeral-Shaped Hole Left. The explosion is attributed by some to excess pressure in two adjoining gasometers, this part of the works being pulverized. Where the gasometers stood is now a funnel-shaped hole 120 yards wide and 45 yards deep, while twisted girders and debris lie scattered about. For several hundred yards not a wall is left standing. The directorate of the company is quoted as saying that the explosion occurred in a storehouse containing 4000 tons of nitrous sulphates, which was believed to be free from danger of explosion. Tombstones Are Destroyed. All nearby workmen's dwelling were rased. At Mannheim, across the river, 25 persons were seriously injured and 300 or more slightly injured. Ludwigshafen reports say three workmen on trains were buried under the wreckage and many children injured. Heart-rending scenes were witnessed at the little cemetery near Oppau, where are already more than 200 bodies on the ground. Numerous tombstones were hurled in various directions. There was not a door or window left intact for a radius of three miles. French medical units are aiding in the rescue work. Assistance also has been rushed from neighboring towns and all public and private motor cars and vehicles were requisitioned. A regiment of colonial infantry and the first Madagascan regiment from Ludwigshafen immediately proceeded to Oppau to preserve order and aid in the work of rescue. Disaster Is Described. Describing the disaster, a captain of the first French colonial infantry, said: "I was riding close to the factory at 2:30 o'clock in the morning, when I heard a dull rumbling. The earth seemed to quiver and an immense column of flame and smoke shot up a few hundred yards from me, following immediately by an explosion and a rush of air which hurled me and my horse to the earth. When I picked myself up on an immense cloud of dust and smoke hid that part of the factory near the gasometers. All sorts of objects rained down on the road." "Hearing cries behind me I turned and realized that the village of Oppau was destroyed as by an earthquake, shortly after main buildings of dust and smoke hid that part of the factory near the gasometers. All sorts of objects rained down on the road." "Hearing cries behind me I turned and realized that the village of Oppau was destroyed as by an earthquake, shortly after main buildings of dust and smoke hid that part of the factory near the gasometers. All sorts of objects rained down on the road."

Help Arrives Quickly.

"The alarm was quickly given and in less than half an hour help arrived. Unfortunately as further explosions were feared, the rescue party was not able to get to work properly before 3 o'clock."

A late statement issued by the management of the Oppau factory says that the explosion occurred in a reservoir containing 300 tons of ammonia sulphate. It adds that all necessary precautions had been taken so that an explosion appeared impossible.

An inquiry has been opened.

BIG FORCES REMOVE INJURED

Rescue Forces Hampered by Lack of Transportation.

FRANKFURT ON THE MAIN, Germany, Sept. 21.—The Badische Anilin- und Fabrik company, according to the Frankfurter Zeitung, states that its plant at Oppau, where today's explosion occurred, was "partially destroyed." Further explosions, it was stated, were not feared.

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