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APARTMENTS TO BE ERECTED NATURE OF FATTY ARBUCKLE'S ATTACK

Village of Oppaul Almost **Entirely Destroyed When** Disaster Suddenly Leaps From Factory Plant.

HEART-RENDING SCENES

Vivid Description Given By French Officer Who Was Riding Nearby

MAYENCE, Germany, Sept. 21,-• One report says there were 3,000 apartments of several rooms. men on the spot and it is believed

Plant Pulverized

The explosion is attributed by some to excess pressure in two adjoining gasometers, this part thhe works being pulverized. scattered about. For hundreds of yards not a wall is left standing.

The directorate of the company is quoted as saying that the explosion occurred in a storehouse containing 4.000 tens of nitrous sulphates, which was believed to

Dwellings Razed All nearby workmen's dwellings were razed. At Mannheim, across the river, 35 persons were serious-, ly injured and 200 or more slightinjured. Ludwigshafen reports

be free from danger of explosion.

many children injured. Heart-rending scenes are witpear Oppau there are already more than 200 bodies on the Numerous tombstones were hurled in various directions. ere was not a door or window left intact for a radius of three

French rescue 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.

Disastor Described

iment of colonial infantry the first Madagascar regi-from Ludwigshafen immediately proceeded to Oppau to preserve order and aid in the work of

Describing the disaster, a cap-tain of the First French colonial

'I was riding close to the factory at 7:30 in the morning, when which hurled me and my horse to the earth. When I pick-ed myself up an immense cloud of dust and smoke hid that part of factory near the gasometers. the factory near the gas-All sorts of objects rained down

Village Destroyed Hearing cries behind me (Continued on page 4)

BUILDING TO COST \$150,000 GOES UP

Within 30 days, ground will be broken for the erection of a \$150,000 apartment house on Court street, half way between the Court apartments and the home of Senator Charles L. McNary, according to information given out last night by the Salem Apartment company, which has recently filed articles of incorporation.

The information was given out by E. N. Miller, architect FOLLOW CATASTROPHE and construction engineer of Denver, and his associate, J. B. Matthews. It will be known as "The Salem Apartments."

The building as planned will be five stories in height in addition to a basement. It will be constructed in the shape of a letter "T," in order that all rooms may be given more than the average light. There will be no inside apartments.

The building will face 80 feet on Court street and will have a depth of 125 feet. It will be placed several feet back of the sidewalk in order to allow a parking.

Fifty Apartments Planned A great explosion today at the chemical products plant of the Badische Anilintabrik company at will have bath and toilet and fnets. The building will be heattown and spread death and destruction. The number of killed is estimated at from 1,000 to

that about half of them were kill- constructing apartments for a this plan will be followed in the Oppau is a scene of desolation, state that each room will be who is interested in the apartmore than a third of the houses equipped with all modern electriments, is an architect and conveniences. For the build-struction engineer of Colorado.

The statement is also made Here also many were killed or in- vator. The laundry will be equipped with electric washing ma-

> Rooms of Generous Size. In each kitchen there will be will be sold.

an electric range. Each apart-

care has been taken to make the Having been in the work of rooms of a generous size, and number of years, those in charge Salem apartments. I E. N. Miller, equipped with all modern electri- ments, is an architect and con-

The statement is also made that already \$50,060 stock for chines, mangle and laundry trays, the apartments has been subscribed and that additional stock

Where the gasometers stood is now a funnel-shaped hole 130 yards wide and 45 yards deep, a pile of twisted girders and debris

published by the four Salem on October 6, according to state- munity. banks, on the state bank examin- ments, the sum of \$1.363,148.62. 121.457.47.

ed, were \$4,091,211.03. The individual deposits subject nessed. At the little cemetery to check in the four Salem banks

was \$4,187,005.66.

The capital stock of the four banks is \$875,000 and the sur- at the close of business October plus \$199,000.

According to the statements United States government bonds

resources of the banks were \$9,- United States government bonds post No. 9, said that the legion owned by Salem Banks, they had wanted to be in close touch with The total loans and discounts invested at the time of the call, community interests. That the say three workmen on trains were at the close of business October 6, the sum of \$1,053,106.95 in mubors wants and other city's life. such standard securities.

It is in the report of the total amount of money placed in the hind closed doors. The legion banks in savings accounts that in-The time deposits in the banks dicate more surely the prosperity as reported amounted to \$240,- of people living in Salem and vecinity.

The report of the Salem banks (Continued on page 4.) The four banks had invested in

OREGON ELECTRIC IS BEGUI

ses on which the accident occur-I heard a dull rumbling. The red occupied the greater part of o'clock this morning. earth seemed to quiver and an the time of the circuit court yesimmense volume of flame and terday in the \$7500 damage suit alleges that the accident occurred smoke shot up a few hundred smoke shot up a few hundred as executrix of the estate of part of the company to take iately by an explosion and a rush Charles Edward Adams, deceased, against the Oregon Electric Railway company for damages sustained in an automobile accident crossings a few miles south of

companion, were killed. Negligence Charged. Mrs. Adams, who is the mother

In the complaint the plaintiff gates which had been placed on

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Selection of the jury and the of James and Thomas Beamish jurors' inspection of the premi- were the only witnesses put on the stand yesterday before the court adjourned to convene at 9

proper precautions to protect the traveler and to make use of the precautions available. In his opening statement before the jury on one of the company's road Grant Corby, counsel for the plaintiff, claimed that he would here on March 7, in which Charles introduce evidence to show that James, 23, and Albert Jerman, a at the time of the accident the

WOODMEN OF WORLD NEGOTIATE FOR PURCHASE OF ELKS TEMPLE

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of the present Salem Elks' temple by the Woodman of the World of additional members. Salem, according to an announcement made yesterday by L. Many Woodmen lodges of even S. Geer, secretary of the latter. The purchase price is \$30,- a larger membership than the one

At a recent meeting of the Woodmen of the World, the lodge's activity in Salem, it bonds were voted for the amount needed in addition to cash is thought that the time has come on hand and during the next few weeks, these bonds will be when the lodge should have a disposed of to lodge members.

Due to the growing member- fer of sale by the Elks for \$30,- building and property. When ship of the Woodmen of the 000 and the voting of bonds by given possession, the Woodmen World, the lodge has been look- the Woodmen. some time. With the knowledge lem lodge of Woodmen of the this will not be for perhaps a that the Elks intended to build World is one of the most ener-

in Salem have no building of their own. But on account of home of its own. The purchase from the Elks is just for the of the World will entirely re-

next spring, negotiations were getic and progressive lodges in the new Elks' temple on State entered into between the two the state. While its present street will not begin until next lodges, which resulted in the of-

CITY'S CLUBS

Movement for General Community Benefit Launched In Session at Commercial Club Yesterday.

ALL LEADERS SEE LOGIC IN SCENE

Cherrians, Rotary, Kiwanis, Labor, Legion, Realty and Others Named

With a meeting Wednesday afernoon at the Commercial clubrepresentatives of the eight civic organizations of the city, pians were made for a federation whereby representatives of these organizations shall meet monthly for a discussion of what is best, for the city of Salem. The meeting was called by T. E. McCroskey, manager of the Commercial

Mr. McCroskey explained that central organization was of vital importance to the city, inorder that all bodies working for the interests of the city might

Mayor in Favor. Mayor George E. Halvorsen, speaking for the city council, said coming to the city, a central body could do much to pass on the many subjects. He favored

favored the federation. George P. Griffith, president of he Rotary club, said he favored a federation of all civic bodies in the city, and that members should also attend the monthly open forum meeting of the Commercial club as an additional means of keeping in touch with the com-

Dr. B. F. Pound, commander er's call of October 6, the total In addition to this amount of of the American legion, Capital boys wanted to be a part of the city's life.

Closed Door Don't Go. "We know we cannot exist bewants to be a community asset, Dr. Pound said. He favored a central federation. J. W. Chambers, president of

the Commercial club, said that he believed that a central federation would work successfully and that it would be a mutual benefit to all organizations interested in the welfare of the city.

Dr. Henry E. Morris, secretary of the Kiwanis club, said that it was easy to get a motion before almost any assembly and have it voted on, but with a federation here would be an additional consideration before a final vote was ederation.

Kiwanis Head Heard. Roy Shields, president of the Kiwanis, said something like a central federation was needed so that each organization in the city would know what the other provided he should later make a was doing.

tion, said he favored a federation, not be used to obstruct such a moas it would be the means of all tion and that if any of the atworking together. With co- torneys or the defendants objected operation, we will be surprised to his sitting on the case he would at what we can do," Mr. Hayford not do so. Mr. McCroskey explained that

the plan was for each body in Salem engaged in public work to elect three delegates to the federation, and that these should meet monthly to discuss proposals of interest to the city. Eight Clubs Named.

It was finally agreed that each of the following organizations should select three delegates and that the first meeting be held early in October: Cherrians, Rotary club, Kiwanis club, Commercfal club, Central Trades and Labor council, Business Men's league and American legion.

Calgary Farmer Found Guilty Will Be Hanged

CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 21 .arrested after the death of his wife and four children in a fire that destroyed their home several months ago, today was found guilty of murder by a jury and 11, 1922. The jury deliberated half an hour.

MADE KNOWN TO GRAND JURY WHEN AL SEMNACHER IS CALLED FOR TESTIMONY

ARBUCKLE BOOKED AT JAIL



ROSCOE (Fatty Arbuckie is shown being booked at the Hall of Justice in San Francisco by Detective James Virginia Rappe, motion picture actress. Skelly on the charge of murder growing out of the death of

OF TWO ROBBERS

Treasure Car Will Be

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 21. Roy Moore and Bert Orcutt, alleged to have held up the Sells-Floto treasure car here last Frithis reason he favored a central before Judge Simpson in superior court today. The trial was set for October 18. .

A. C. Agnew, Seattle attorney, represented the men and asked the court that any evidence obtained on the occasion might not be used motion of prejudice against the L. A. Hayford, president of the court. Judge Simpson said such Marion County Realtors' associa- evidence obtained certainly would

Republican's Victory Over Hanna Indicated by Majority of 7000

21._The election of Holm O. Bursom, of Socorro, as United States senator from New Mexico. more than 7.000, based upon com- dents. prehensive but incomplete returns ohn J. Rutledge, Innisfal farmer. from every county in the state, received at Republican state headquarters here today. Figures sentenced to be hanged January crat, carried 11 counties, his total was rumored last night. vote being 5,800.

Fair and warmer; moderate has been slow and now figures tain opponents of the legion's ellipse. Sait Lake northeasterly winds, what the final result will be.

Men Who Held up Circus No Opinion Given Relative to Auto Contest—Article Tried at Vancouver is Misconstrued

An article published in yestered that persons who were reported day night and to have stolen \$30.- to be opposing the American le-000 which was later recovered, gion's local auto contest had ob- gave their occupations as confectaken on any proposition. For pleaded not guilty when arraigned tained an opinion from Attorney tionery dealer and bookkeeper. General I. H. Van Winkle.

The Statesman article was not to be construed as indicating that Mr. an Winkle had given an opinion opposing the legion efforts at mining funds by selling aboves in raising funds by selling shares in a competitive drawing of a Ford In a statement made yesterday Mr. Van Winkle said:

"I have never rendered an opin ion on this auto contest and have not been asked to do so. I have Error in New York Booking constantly supported the American legion and resent any insinuation that I am aiding opponents of the organization. I helped pre pare the Oregon bonus law and have always given the right-ofway to legion matters brought before my office." Commander B. F. Pound of

"The auto contest is in charge of a committee of local members who have every confidence in the manager who is conducting the enterprise. The contest manager comes to Salem with the very best of references and reports of contests put on in other parts of the state have been entirely satisfactory," said Dr. Pound.

Coupons for the contest are being sold by a staff of ex-service was indicated by a plurality of men, many of whom are local resi-

Paragraphs questioned in Statesman article follow: "That the stage has already been set for interference with the show that Bursum carried 20 American legion sales of shares in counties, with a total vote of 13,- a competitive drawing on a Ford 172; Richard H. Hanna, Demo-coupe now being held in Salem

"According to the rumor, opin Returns on the 11 constitution- lons have been obtained from Atal amendments are meager. The torney General Van Winkle and

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Admissions declared by Al Semnacher to have been made by Roscoe (Fatty) Arbuckle that 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.

The testimony was given before the grand jury and Chief Deputy Doran outlined it in confirming reports that Semnacher had, previous 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

The grand jury 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 here today, but his testimony was not made public.

would leave Los Angeles for San Francisco tonight, either by train or automobile.

EIGHT MEN. TWO WOMEN MAKE JURY

Trial of Mahoney, Accused of Murder, Ready for Submission of Testimony

SEATTLE, Wash., Sept. 21 .-Four women and eight men con- which W. C. Doran, deputy disstitute the jury chosen in super- trict attorney at Los Angeles. for court here late today to try said Semnacher told the grand James E. Mahoney, former rail- jury. Ira C. Fortlouis, another road brakeman, on the charge member of the drinking party in that he murdered his elderly wife Arbuckle's suite, also was ques. for her property and threw a tioned today by the district attrunk containing her body in Lake torney, but Brady said nothing Union here.

While the trial jury was completed when the court adjourned this evening, Judge J. . Ronald directed that an additional juror be selected as an alternate, and this will delay for a time the submission of testimony tomorrow. The jurors sworn include two farmers, a tire dealer, real estate broker, carpenter, mail carrier, the women jurors are married, the other two women unmarried,

Office Causes Salem Embarrassment

Owing to an error in the New York booking office, Theo. Karle and his artists did not appear Capital Post No. 9, stated yester- at the Grand theatre last night. day that reports of opposition to Word was not received in Salem the legion's fund raising efforts of the error of the New York were apparently without founda- office until Wednesday afternoon, when the house had been almost sold out.

> Mrs. William Everett Anderon, in charge of the Salem Musical bureau, received the following telegram from Mr. Karle from "To confirm date October 4 for

my recital. Terribly upset by mix-up of dates. Cannot understand it.' Mrs. Anderson announces that the date now set for the concert

will be October 4, and that all

tickets and reservations ho'd

Child is Killed When Hit by Delivery Car

PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—Charles Walton, 5-year-old son of Mrs. San Francisco Mary Walton, was killed almost Los Angeles Sacramento counting of the vote everywhere City Attorney Ray Smith, and cer- instantly today when he was Seattle has been slow and now figures tain opponents of the legion's ef- struck by a light delivery truck Oakland

Semnacher announced after the examination that he

Fischbash Evasive
SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Sept.
21.—Fred Fischbach, questioned today regarding reported grane jury testimony of Al Semnaches 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

new had been learned from him. Testimony Contradicted Semnacher's testimony before contradicted his grand ju-Golden, deputy district

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COAST BASEBALL

PRISCO 4, PORTLAND 2
PORTLAND, Ore., Sept. 21. — San
Francisco defeated Portland today 4 to
2. All of the San Francisco runs came
in the fourth when Paton made an error in the fourth when Paton made an error after two were out. Portland scored both its runs when Wolfer homed over the right field fence in the seventh. San Francisco Batteries Couch and Yelle; Johnson

SACRAMENTO 6, OAKLAND 2
SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Sacramento won today's game from Oakland 6 to 2 in the first inning by touching up Kramer for four hits. Kremer was taken out in the fifth after two more runs and three hits had been made. The Senators took Kuns out in the second when he showed signs of wildness by walking two men, and Fittery finished the game. McGaffigan was ordered to the clubhouse in the first inning for disputing a third strike decision.

R. H. E. Sacramento 6 13 0

Oakland

Batteries— Kunz, Elliott;

Jones, Winn and Koehler. SEATTLE 1, ANGELS 0

SEATTLE 1, ANGELS 0
SEATTLE, Wash, Sept. 21.—In the greatest pitching battle which local fans have seen this season, Seattle, when Schorr's single acored Kenworthy in the tenth, nosed out Los Angeles 1 to 0, Hughes of Los Angeles fanned 13 men and allowed five hits. Jacobs struck out 7 and held the southerners to three scattered hits. The first five innings were without hits on either side. scattered hits. The first five innings were without hits on either side.
R. H. E. Hughes and Stanage; Jacobs and Ad-

SALT LARE 6, VERNON 4

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Sept. 21.—Salt
Lake played winning ball again today
with a score of 6 to 4 against Vernon.
If was a give and take game, tied in
the eighth, but the Bees in the ninth
took the victory lead with two runs.

R H E Salt Lake
Vernon
Batteries—Broulley, Polson
ler; Mitchell and Hannah.

STANDING OF THE CLUBS