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## APARTMENTS TO BE ERECTED

### 1000 KILLED BY EXPLOSION OF CHEMICALS

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

### HEART-RENDING SCENES FOLLOW CATASTROPHE

Vivid Description Given By French Officer Who Was Riding Nearby

MAYENCE, Germany, Sept. 21.—A great explosion today at the chemical products plant of the Badische Anilin- und Sodafabrik company at Oppau, on the Rhine, wrecked the town and spread death and destruction. The number of killed is estimated at from 1,000 to 1,500 and the injured nearly 2,000. One report says there were 3,000 men on the spot and it is believed that about half of them were killed.

Oppau is a scene of desolation, more than a third of the houses having been destroyed, while the roofs of the others were swept off. Here also many were killed or injured.

### Plant Pulverized

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 130 yards wide and 45 yards deep, a pile of twisted girders and debris 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 tons of nitrous sulphates, which was believed to be free from danger of explosion.

### Dwellings Razed

All nearby workmen's dwellings were razed. At Mannheim, across the river, 35 persons were seriously injured and 200 or more slightly injured. Ludwigshafen reports say three workmen on trains were killed under the wreckage and many children injured.

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

### French rescue units are aiding in the rescue work.

Assistance also has been rendered from neighboring towns and all public and private motor cars and vehicles were requisitioned.

### Disaster Described

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.

Describing the disaster, a captain of the first French colonial infantry said: "I was riding close to the factory at 7:30 in the morning, when I heard a dull rumbling. The earth seemed to quiver and an immense volume of flame and smoke shot up a few hundred yards from me, followed immediately by an explosion and a rush of air which hurled me and my horse to the earth. When I picked myself up 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."

### Village Destroyed

"Hearing cries behind me I

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### BUILDING TO COST \$150,000 GOES UP NEAR CITY CENTER

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 and construction engineer of Denver, and his associate, J. E. 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

In all, it is planned to have 50 apartments in the building. Each will have bath and toilet and cloak rooms larger than the average. The smallest apartment will be a one-room with kitchenette and bath, and from that up to apartments of several rooms.

Having been in the work of constructing apartments for a number of years, those in charge state that each room will be equipped with all modern electrical conveniences. For the building there will be an electric elevator. The laundry will be equipped with electric washing machines, mangle and laundry trays.

### Rooms of Generous Size

In each kitchen there will be

### EXCELLENT SHOWING IS MADE BY FOUR SALEM DEPOSITORIES

According to the statements published by the four Salem banks, on the state bank examiners' call of October 6, the total resources of the banks were \$9,121,457.47.

The total loans and discounts at the close of business October 6, according to statements published, were \$4,991,211.03.

The individual deposits subject to check in the four Salem banks was \$4,187,005.66.

The time deposits in the banks as reported amounted to \$240,842.69.

The capital stock of the four banks is \$875,000 and the surplus \$199,000.

The four banks had invested in

### ADAMS DAMAGE SUIT AGAINST OREGON ELECTRIC IS BEGUN

Selection of the jury and the jurors' inspection of the premises on which the accident occurred occupied the greater part of the time of the circuit court yesterday in the \$7500 damage suit brought by Mrs. Myrtle Adams as executrix of the estate of Charles Edward Adams, deceased, against the Oregon Electric Railway company for damages sustained in an automobile accident on one of the company's road crossings a few miles south of here on March 7, in which Charles Adams, 23, and Albert Jerman, a companion, were killed.

### Negligence Charged

Mrs. Adams, who is the mother

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## WOODMEN OF WORLD NEGOTIATE FOR PURCHASE OF ELKS TEMPLE

Negotiations are under way for the purchase of the present Salem Elks' temple by the Woodmen of the World of Salem, according to an announcement made yesterday by L. S. Geer, secretary of the latter. The purchase price is \$30,000.

At a recent meeting of the Woodmen of the World, bonds were voted for the amount needed in addition to cash on hand and during the next few weeks, these bonds will be disposed of to lodge members.

Due to the growing membership of the Woodmen of the World, the lodge has been looking for adequate quarters for some time. With the knowledge that the Elks intended to build next spring, negotiations were entered into between the two lodges, which resulted in the offer of sale by the Elks for \$30,000 and the voting of bonds by the Woodmen.

According to Mr. Geer, the Salem lodge of Woodmen of the World is one of the most energetic and progressive lodges in the state. While its present membership is 600, Mr. Geer

### FEDERATION OF CITY'S CLUBS PLANNED HERE

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 afternoon at the Commercial club of representatives of the eight civic organizations of the city, plans 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 club.

Mr. McCroskey explained that a central organization was of vital importance to the city in order that all bodies working for the interests of the city might co-operate.

### Mayor in Favor

Mayor George E. Halvorsen, speaking for the city council, said that with so many promoters coming to the city, a central body could do much to pass on the many subjects. He favored the federation.

George P. Griffith, president of the 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 community.

Dr. B. F. Pound, commander of the American legion, Capital post No. 9, said that the legion wanted to be in close touch with community interests. That the boys wanted to be a part of the city's life.

### Closed Door Don't Go

"We know we cannot exist behind closed doors. The legion wants 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 there would be an additional consideration before a final vote was taken on any proposition. For this reason he favored a central federation.

### 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 was doing.

L. A. Hayford, president of the Marion County Realtors' association, said he favored a federation, as it would be the means of all working together. "With co-operation, we will be surprised at what we can do," Mr. Hayford said.

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, Commercial club, Central Trades and Labor council, Business Men's league and American legion.

### Calgary Farmer Found Guilty Will Be Hanged

CALGARY, Alta., Sept. 21.—John Rutledge, industrial farmer, 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 sentenced to be hanged January 11, 1922. The jury deliberated half an hour.

### THE WEATHER

Fair and warmer; moderate northeasterly winds.

## NATURE OF FATTY ARBUCKLE'S ATTACK MADE KNOWN TO GRAND JURY WHEN AL SEMNACHER IS CALLED FOR TESTIMONY

### ARBUCKLE BOOKED AT JAIL



R OS COE (Fatty Arbuckle 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

### NOT GUILTY PLEA OF TWO ROBBERS STATE ATTORNEY DENIES REPORT

Men Who Held up Circus Treasure Car Will Be Tried at Vancouver

VANCOUVER, Wash., Sept. 21. Roy Moore and Bert Orcutt, alleged to have held up the Sells-Floto treasure car here last Friday night and to have stolen \$30,000 which was later recovered, pleaded not guilty when arraigned 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 provided he should later make a motion of prejudice against the court. Judge Simpson said such evidence obtained certainly would not be used to obstruct such a motion and that if any of the attorneys or the defendants objected to his sitting on the case he would not do so.

### BURSUM ELECTED IN NEW MEXICO

Republican's Victory Over Hanna Indicated by Majority of 7000

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Sept. 21.—The election of Holm D. Bursum, of Socorro, as United States senator from New Mexico, was indicated by a plurality of more than 7,000, based upon comprehensive but incomplete returns from every county in the state, received at Republican state headquarters here today. Figures show that Bursum carried 23 counties, with a total vote of 13,173; Richard H. Hanna, Democrat, carried 11 counties, his total vote being 5,800.

Returns on the 11 constitutional amendments are meager. The counting of the vote everywhere has been slow and how figures have been received to indicate what the final result will be.

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 resulted.

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.

Semnacher announced after the examination that he 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 constitute the jury chosen in superior court here late today to try James E. Mahoney, former railroad brakeman, on the charge that he murdered his elderly wife for her property and threw a trunk containing her body in Lake 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, gave their occupations as confectionery dealer and bookkeeper.

### MIX-UP IN DATE, KARLE NOT HERE

Error in New York Booking Office Causes Salem Embarrassment

Owing to an error in the New York booking office, Theo. Karle and his artists did not appear at the Grand theatre last night. Word was not received in Salem of the error of the New York office until Wednesday afternoon, when the house had been almost sold out.

Mrs. William Everett Anderson, in charge of the Salem Musical bureau, received the following telegram from Mr. Karle from Seattle:

"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 good.

### Child is Killed When Hit by Delivery Car

PORTLAND, Sept. 21.—Charles Walton, 5-year-old son of Mrs. Mary Walton, was killed almost instantly today when he was struck by a light delivery truck operated by Howard C. Jones, aged 22. Jones was not arrested.

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Club	W.	L.	Pct.
San Francisco	101	75	.573
Los Angeles	100	75	.571
Sacramento	94	77	.549
Seattle	92	73	.558
Oakland	90	66	.511
Salt Lake	71	109	.395
Portland	47	125	.273