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JOHNSON GIVES OUT CONTRACT FOR HOME

\$55,000 Outlay to be Made
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Construction of a residence on Fairmount hill which, including the value of the property and the cost of landscaping, will cost something like \$55,000, was made certain Saturday when O. F. Johnson, owner of the store building on State street occupied by Kaffoury's, entered into a contract with Carl Bahlburg to erect this attractive home on the half block which Mr. Johnson owns on Fir street between Lincoln and Leffelle.

The residence, of consistent Georgian-Colonial type, has been designed by Clarence L. Smith, local architect. Its beauty will be greatly enhanced by the landscaping which will take advantage of the already attractive natural setting. The house will be of brick.

Rooms in the new house will be exceptionally spacious. In the living rooms plaster and wood paneling will predominate. Every effect in the interior has been planned with the idea of erecting a fine home, the rooms being arranged to afford attractive views of the surrounding country as viewed from Fairmount hill.

While construction work will begin immediately it is expected that the entire spring and a large part of the summer time will be needed for the completion of the work. The new home will be occupied by the Johnsons about September 1.

BRICK MEN ASKING FOR TARIFF WALL

The ancient industry of brick manufacturing is more interested in national legislation at this time than it ever before has been in its history.

Brick is trying to have itself removed from the free list, and secure a duty on foreign brick which will equalize the wide difference in the cost of manufacture in European countries as compared to the cost in this country. Unless relief is secured from congress, the thousands of employees of brick plants in this country will be reduced to something like the standard of living prevailing in the competing European countries. The best information obtainable is that in Belgium the range of wages paid in brick yards is from 85 cents to \$1.26 per day. In American plants the average is about \$5 per day.

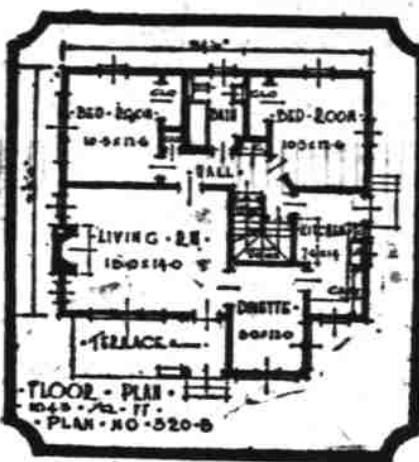
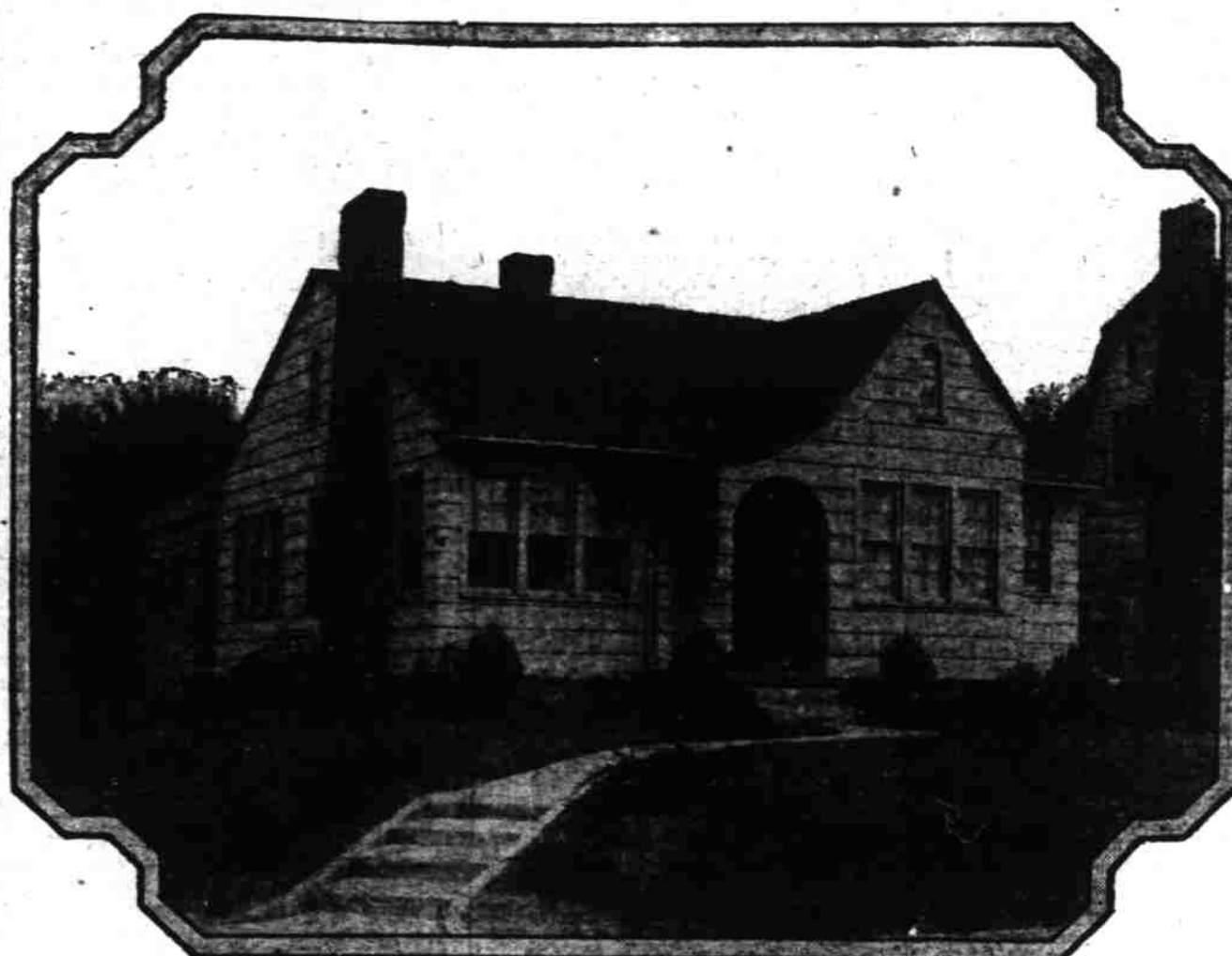
It was proven before the hearing and means committee at a hearing on free list recently that building brick made in Belgium and brought to this country by Belgium subsidized ships could be laid down in New York several dollars below the actual cost of manufacturing brick on the Hudson river.

GRAND JURY INDICTS NARCOTICS VENDORS

LOS ANGELES, March 16. — (AP)—Indictment by a federal grand jury of Dr. I. C. Citron on charges of wrongfully supplying Alma Rubens, film star, with narcotics was described by government officials as the "first major blow" against the narcotic traffic in Los Angeles.

The indictment lists 20 narcotic prescriptions dating from September, 1928, as having been issued by Dr. Citron and intended for Miss Rubens, although they bore other names, including that of the actress' mother, Mrs. Theresa Rubens. It charged that the narcotics were not necessary for the health or well being of Miss Rubens. The actress recently was committed by court order to a state hospital for drug addicts but so far has been receiving private treatment under the supervision of her mother and her husband, Ricardo Cortez, a film actor.

Distinctive Corner, Not Bungalow Home



A distinctive design with a well-laid-out plan providing good ventilation. This home would make an excellent design for a corner lot although by changing the location of the garage it could be built on any lot. Further information about this plan may be had from the Real Estate Editor or The Cleveland Publications, 1095 Market Street, San Francisco.

Trade Practices on Sale Of Petroleum Need to be Changed Belief of A. A. A.

At the same time that this brief was filed, the A. A. A. served notice that every available means would be used to give a thorough airing to the case for the purchasing public before the stamp of federal approval is definitely placed on the selling program of the petroleum industry.

Settle Help From Code Now
An analysis of the proposed code, according to the A. A. A. brief, discloses that its adoption would accomplish little or nothing to eliminate the undesirable practices and conditions that have militated against the interests of the purchasing public and which have culminated in a large volume of national resentment.

Particular attention is called to the fact that the code does not propose any remedial measures for the prevention of the short sales of gas and oil which now amount to a levy of more than \$20,000,000 a year on the car owners; to

BURKE NOW SEEKING TO OBTAIN PARDON

PORTLAND, Ore., Mar. 16. — (AP)—Pledging to devote the remainder of his life to paying \$250,000 to depositors of the defunct bank of Kenton of which he was president, J. V. Burke, under sentence to seven years in the state prison for misapplication of bank funds, Friday filed petition for parole.

The filing of the petition and accompanying personal pledge to make restitution followed closely on receipt of official word that the United States supreme court had refused to hear the appeal, holding that no federal question was involved.

Burke was convicted in circuit court here a year ago. Besides the prison sentence he was fined \$2,500. The total deficit to depositors in the closed bank amounts to about \$250,000.

Parole by the court and executive clemency are the only remaining possible avenues of escape from the enforcement of the sentence. It was expected that the mandate of the court would be forwarded to the state supreme court at Salem, April 1 and that commitment of the former banker to the penitentiary would follow.

"Hell Week" Not Favored At All By Professors

CORVALLIS, Ore., Mar. 16. — (AP)—Opposition to "hell week" as practiced on campuses throughout the United States was voiced here Friday by western deans of men in annual conference. They did not pass resolutions against the practice which they dubbed childish, archaic and sometimes vicious, but agreed that encouragement given to its gradual elimination probably will result in complete suppression as the national inter-fraternity council is also against it.

Election of officers tomorrow will end the two-day conference.

Japanese Vessel Towed Into Port Badly Crippled

HONOLULU, March 16. — (AP)—The Japanese steamer Victoria Maru, towing the disabled schooner Marechal Foch, arrived here Friday. Fourteen crew members and six passengers were aboard the Marechal Foch, which lost her rudder 700 miles from Honolulu while bound from Papeete to San Francisco.

The Foch, formerly the Fisherman, recently was sold by Zane Grey, the author, to Father Emmanuel Rougier, owner of Christmas Island.

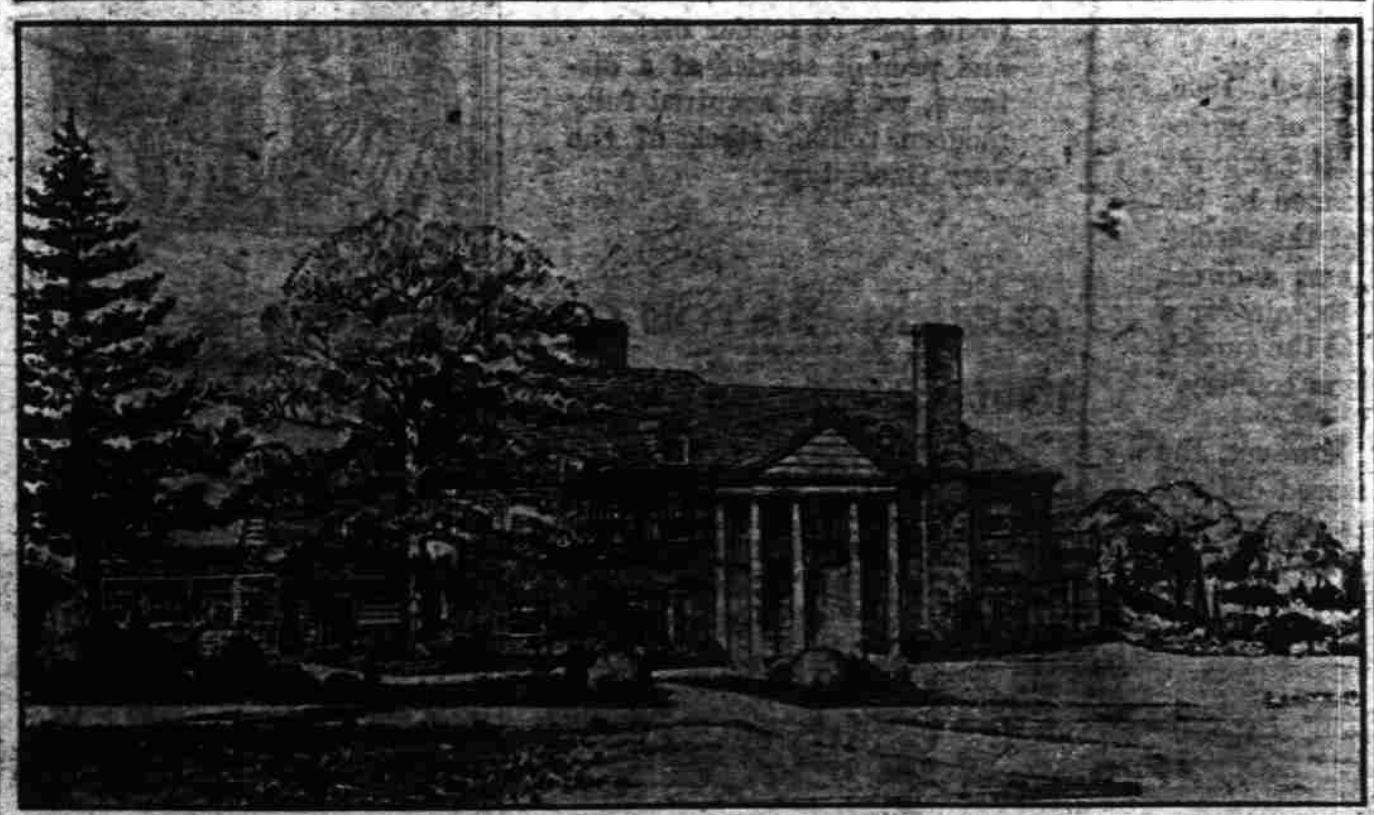
When payment of salvage has been arranged, the Victoria Maru will proceed to Japan.

Buried Fortune Is Unearthed By Desert Children

SAMARA, Russia, Mar. 16. — (AP)—Treasure the value of which was estimated at several million rubles, has been excavated by children from a colony bordering on the Sarovsk desert. The valuables consisted of old diamond-studded icons, gold coins and other precious objects.

It is supposed that the treasure was buried by monks from a local monastery at the beginning of the revolution.

Beautiful Home to Rise Here



Construction starts at once on this Georgian-Colonial structure to be erected for O. F. Johnson on acreage lot in Fairmount hill district.

LUMBER ORDERS UP IN FIRST 9 WEEKS

For the first nine weeks of 1929, orders for lumber exceeded production by 13.8 per cent and shipments were 0.4 per cent more than cutting, according to studies made by the West Coast Lumbermen's association on the reports of 143 major mills in the Douglas fir region of Oregon and Washington. Mill stocks were two-tenths of one per cent under those reported as of January 1 for 143 identical mills.

Production for the first nine weeks of 1929 for 216 mills reporting to the association was 1,399,123,925 feet, or 33.1 per cent below the weekly operating capacity of these mills for the

capacity of these mills for the period. Production, orders and shipments for 200 mills for the week ended March 9 were reported to the association as follows: Production, 177,579,361 board feet; orders, 189,789,889 board feet; shipments, 168,461,660 board feet.

VIENNA, Mar. 16. — (AP)—Members of the American colony participated today in the 104th anniversary of the birth of Johann Strauss, known throughout the world as "the Waltz King" and composer of the famous "Blue Danube Waltz."

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