

Average for 1920, 5250. Population of Salem, 1900, 4258; 1910, 14,094; 1920, 17,479. Marion County, 1920, 47,177; Polk County, 14,181. Member of Audit Bureau of Circulation. Associated Press Full Leased Wire.

# Capital Journal



OREGON: Tonight and Thursday fair; moderate westerly winds.

LOCAL: Rainfall .65; southerly winds; cloudy; maximum 69, minimum 53; river 1.1 feet and falling.

# BLAST KILLS HUNDREDS

## CONGRESS AGAIN IN SESSION; TREATY UP

### ACTIONS OF G. O. P. FLAYED

#### Senator Harrison Says Strong On Talk and Short on Deeds; President Scored

Washington, Sept. 21.—The treaties with Germany, Austria and Hungary were sent to the senate for ratification today by President Harding. The treaties were accompanied only by a brief formal note of transmittal and were sent to the capitol by a White House messenger. Chairman Lodge of the foreign relations committee on arrival of the treaties at the senate, called a meeting for tomorrow to begin their consideration.

#### House Adjourns

Washington, Sept. 21.—Congress reassembled at noon today after a recess of thirty days with prospects that the extra session would lapse into the regular session beginning in December. Fifty-four senators, 33 republicans and twenty-one democrats answered to the senate roll call after Vice-President Coolidge had convened that body. The session opened with the usual confusion of greetings and handshaking among senators.

#### Harding Is Target

Proceedings of the senate were enlivened by a speech by Senator Harrison, democrat, Mississippi, criticizing President Harding and the administration "for playing politics" in the recent exchange of letters between the president and Senator McCormick, republican, Illinois. The president's letter was written, Senator Harrison charged, to aid the election yesterday of Senator Bursum, republican, New Mexico.

#### Predicts Delays

The Mississippi senator predicted the tariff bill would not pass during this session and said portions of the president's letter dealing with tax and tariff revision were "incorporated to hoodwink the voters of New Mexico." The farm credit relief bill, the senator said, "as a banker bill" would not pass.

#### Homes Robbed

Daylight robbers availed themselves of opportunities afforded by the passing of the Sells-Floto circus parade this morning and burglarized two Salem homes. The loot, made up of money and jewelry was estimated to be worth about \$57, according to the police.

#### Election of Republican Is Conceded

Albuquerque, N. M., Sept. 21.—W. C. Oesterich, in charge of democratic state headquarters here today conceded the election of Holm Q. Bursum, republican, as United States senator over Richard H. Hanna, democrat.

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## Circus Returns To Salem Bigger And Better Than Ever

The big Sells-Floto circus is here! That means a lot to the kiddies and incidentally a lot of grownups living in and around Salem. And what is more, it means a lot to the Sells-Floto circus to be in Salem without a few treasure-wagon bandits hanging around in hopes of again holding up the big show. Well, the show is really here and the bandits are in jail at Vancouver, Washington, recovering from shotgun wounds which they received during the battle early Sunday morning.

## Semnacher Says Fatty Told Him Of Assault

Los Angeles, Cal., Sept. 21.—Al Semnacher, manager of Miss Virginia Rappé, and a guest at the party given by Roscoe Arbuckle in the St. Francis hotel, San Francisco, that resulted in Arbuckle's being held for her alleged murder, today appeared before the Los Angeles county grand jury and gave testimony which officials of the district attorney's office said will be of great value to the state in its prosecution of the motion picture comedian.

## Rock Pile Is Advocated For Law Breakers

After spending a considerable amount of money within the last six months for the maintenance of prisoners serving sentence and awaiting trial, county officials are now contemplating a rock pile.

## Matron To Have Aide Fair Week

One assistant will be allowed Mrs. Myra Shank, police matron, during the state fair which begins next Monday, Ralph Thompson, chairman of the police committee, announced this morning.

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## AGENDA IS MADE PUBLIC

### Topics To Be Discussed at Disarmament Conference Officially Listed

Washington, Sept. 21.—Secretary Hughes made public today the suggestions as to the agenda for the conference on the limitation of armaments which were recently communicated to the invited governments. The official text follows: "Limitation of Armaments: 1—Limitation of naval armaments, under which shall be discussed: (a) Basis of limitation. (b) Extent. (c) Fulfillment. 2—Rules for control of new agencies of warfare. 3—Limitation of land armaments. Pacific and Far Eastern Questions: Questions relating to China. Principles to be applied. Application. Subjects: (a) Territorial integrity. (b) Administrative integrity. (c) Open door—equality of commercial and industrial opportunities. (d) Concessions, monopolies or preferential economic privileges. (e) Development of railways, including plans relating to Chinese railways. (f) Preferential railroad rates. (g) Status of existing commitments. 2—Siberia. (Similar headings.) 3—Manned islands: (Unless questions earlier settled.)

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## Chemical Dye Man To Speak To Business Men

Professor H. K. Benson, of the Chemical Foundation of New York city, will be the speaker sometime within the near future at the Commercial club luncheon, according to T. E. McCrooney, secretary, this morning.

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## JOURNAL TERMED UNFAIR

### Pressmen Ask Central Labor Council to Back Action Aimed at Capital Journal

Declaring that The Capital Journal had violated their union's bylaws, members of the Salem Pressmen's union, informed the Salem Central Labor council last night that the publication had been placed on the unfair list, and asked that the council to concur in their action.

## Gardner Left Island Last Night, Belief

Tacoma, Wash., Sept. 21.—More mystery resulting from the escape and total disappearance of Roy Gardner, mail bandit from McNeil island penitentiary centered today in the discovery by J. O. Evans, residing near Gratitude, that his rowboat was missing. The disappearance of the rowboat is taken here as a possible indication that Gardner has been hiding on the island all the time the search for him has been progressing and that he has just taken advantage of the fact that the hunt had been abandoned Saturday.

## Old Fight Revived

Some members of the council expressed themselves in favor of putting The Capital Journal on the unfair list, and stated that it was understood that the printers were to receive a cut the first of the month. The wages of the printers, however, did not come up for discussion.

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# CHEMICAL PLANT AT OPPAU, GERMANY, IS SCENE OF EXPLOSION

## Nominations Pour In On Senate

Washington, Sept. 21.—Joseph C. Grew of Massachusetts, now American minister to Denmark, was nominated today by President Harding to be minister to Switzerland.

At the same time the president nominated John Dyneley, prince of New Jersey, a professor in Columbia university, to be minister to Denmark.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Millard T. Hutton of Seattle, Wash., was nominated today by President Harding to be collector of customs for district No. 36 and Burns Fos, of Tacoma, was named collector of internal revenue for the district of Washington.

Washington, Sept. 21.—Walter E. Bennett of Great Falls, Mont., was nominated today by President Harding to be register of the land office there and Arthur L. Lewis of Florence, was named receiver of public moneys at Great Falls.

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## Disaster Declared One of Worst In History of Industrial Catastrophes; Town Is Reported In Ruins and Windows In Mannheim, 13 Miles Distant, Are Smashed

Mayence, Germany, Sept. 21.—Eight hundred persons are reported to have been killed and many injured today by explosions in the Badische Anilinfabrik works at Oppau, near Frankenthal, in the Rhine Palatinate. Telephone and telegraph communication with the Worms-Frankenthal area was cut by the explosion and details were lacking.

The plant which was the scene of the disaster was that of the Badische Anilinfabrik concern, which makes explosive nitrogen compounds. The disaster appears to have been one of the most terrible in the history of industrial catastrophes.

The first explosion occurred when the shifts were being changed at 7:45 a. m. in a laboratory where 800 men were working. All of these are reported to have been killed. This explosion was followed by a rapid succession of others, which rendered assistance to the first victims impossible.

The concussions were so terrific that they were felt in this city, some 25 miles from the scene, while at Mannheim, 13 miles distant, almost every window was shattered and several persons were killed and 38 others injured by debris.

Some persons were killed at Ludwigshafen, across the river from Mannheim, many roofs were blown off houses and all the windows in the town were broken at Worms, while at Oppau itself nothing remains but a heap of ruins.

The shock was felt as far as Frankfurt, more than forty miles away, and many windows were broken there. The whole district was enveloped in thick smoke which, together with the cutting of telegraph and telephone communication with neighboring towns, hampered the efforts at assistance.

All of the available fire brigades were rushed to the spot, but the work of rescue was found by the relief parties to be exceedingly difficult.

Hundreds Found Dead. Rescue penetrating Oppau reported finding hundreds of dead and wounded lying in the debris. The uninjured inhabitants fled in panic when the explosions occurred.

Reports from the scene variously describe the disaster as due to the explosion of a gas or spirit tank. One of the most of the circumstances says the first explosion occurred in laboratory number 3 of the old plant of the Badische company in Oppau. The laboratory was raised bodily by the air pressure from the shock and then collapsed, not a single one of the 800 workers in it escaping death, this account states.

Desertion Charged In Divorce Suit. Suit for divorce charging desertion, was filed in the circuit court this afternoon by C. Aeberson against Virginia Aeberson.

The couple were married in Oklahoma City in 1918, but since 1920 Mrs. Aeberson has refused to live with her husband, the complaint states. The couple have three children, the oldest 13 years of age.

State Men to War On Speeders And Reckless Drivers. Motorists traveling on roads leading to Salem had best give a careful eye to their speedometers during the next two weeks, according to Harry L. Griffith, state traffic inspector.

"With the state fair coming up we're going to try and keep speeders and reckless drivers down in the vicinity of Salem and men will be working on all roads in and out of Salem," Officer Griffith said.

Thousands of cars carrying visitors from all over the state will be in Salem next week, and the traffic problem is expected to be a big one.

Olcott And Sons See Circus In. Harking back to the good old days when he carried water to the elephant for a free passage into the circus, Governor Olcott was an interested spectator at the raising of the "big top" for the Sells-Floto show here early this morning.

While the governor was willing to sacrifice a few hours of sleep "only that the boys—he has three of them—could see how a real circus gets under way" he makes no attempt to conceal the enjoyment he, himself got out of the spectacle.

"It's the first time I have seen a circus tent go up since I was a boy, but it's just as much fun now as it was then," he declared. Governor and Mrs. Olcott and their three children will occupy a box at the circus as guests of The Capital Journal and the Sells-Floto management.