

TREATY IS DISPATCHED BY HARDING TO SENATE Chemical Explosion In Germany Kills Hundreds

FIRST REPORTS INDICATE THAT LARGE NUMBER PERSONS DEAD

Explosion Occurred Near Mayence.—Bodies Were Hurl- ed High Int the Air

DETAILS OF DISASTER NOT BEEN RECEIVED

Numerous Buildings Complete- ly Wrecked.—Explosion Felt For Many Miles

(By Associated Press) MAYENCE, Germany, Sept. 21.—Eight hundred persons are reported to have been killed and many injured today by explosions in the Badische Anilin and Soda Fabrik near Frankenthal in the Rhine Palatinate.

PARIS, Sept. 21.—One thousand persons are reported to have been killed and several thousand others injured at Oppau through explosions in a chemical products plant, according to a Mayence message, in the Harre army received here today.

MAYENCE, Sept. 21.—The disaster appears to have been one of the most terrible in the history of industrial catastrophes. The first explosion occurred when two shifts were being changed at 7 a. m. in a laboratory where 200 men were working.

This explosion was followed by a rapid succession of others, which rendered assistance to the first victims impossible.

The explosions were so terrific that they were felt in this city, 35 miles from the scene, while at Mannheim almost every window was shattered and several persons were killed and 36 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 Wormes, while at Oppau itself nothing remains but a heap of ruins.

The shock was felt as far as Frankfurt, more than 40 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 communications with neighboring towns hampered all efforts at assistance.

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

Rescuers who penetrated 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 spirits tank.

MAYENCE, Germany, Sept. 21.—One of the most circumstantial reports of the disaster says the first explosion occurred in laboratory No. 53 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 200 workers in it escaping death, this account states.

WINDSTORM DOES DAMAGE IN OHIO

ZANESVILLE, O., Sept. 21.—A "twister" wind storm hit the business section of this city at noon today and damage to Main street business houses running into hundreds of thousands of dollars resulted.

Champion Mermaids Who Now Seek Titles On Top of the Water



New York City's indoor ice skating season opened during the sweltering days of early September and the first to take advantage of it were the girls who have been breaking records all season in the water.

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Relative to the increased number of diphtheria cases in this and neighboring counties, Dr. W. D. Gilmore, county health officer, today gave out the following statement with reference to checking the spread of disease.

LOCAL STORES ARE KEPT BUSY

Merchants Are Doing More Business This Week Than For Some Time

That business conditions are improving in New Bern is evidenced by the statement made by a prominent merchant this morning. He stated that during the past ten days he had done a greater volume of business than in the months of May, June and part of July, but together.

When some doubt was expressed regarding this assertion he proceeded to prove that he was telling the truth.

It has been noticeable there are many more shoppers in the stores this week than there have been in several months. This is not only true of dry goods and clothing stores but of every other line of business as well.

Everything points to good business for the rest of the fall.

B. Y. P. U.

The regular mid-week prayer service of the Tabernacle Baptist church will be in charge of the B. Y. P. U. tonight at 8 o'clock.

VALUED POSSESSIONS WAS LOST FROM CAR

"Christmas done came and went" for somebody driving through Bridgeton last night, according to the "evidence" found a short distance from the town this morning.

Said evidence consisted of broken pieces of what had at one time been a five-gallon jug and a little puddle that gave forth an exceedingly strong odor.

HARDING TAKES UP THE KU KLUX

Data Concerning the Organization Was Laid Before the President Today

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Information in the hands of the Department of Justice as to the activities of the Ku Klux Klan was laid before President Harding today by Attorney General Daugherty after the latter had conferred with Director Burns of the Department's bureau of investigation. Department of Justice officials declined to express in opinion as to the possibility of federal investigation of the Ku Klux Klan, but it was indicated that steps would be taken to gather further details. It was said to the department's information consisted largely of isolated complaints which had come in from numerous sources, including private individuals and organizations.

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HACKNEY GIVES REQUIRED BAIL

Has Been Released From Kingston Jail and Taken To Drug-Habit Sanatorium

Word was received here today that George Hackney, Jr., prominent Washington business man, who was arrested about two weeks ago in Kingston on the charge of attempted criminal assault, had been released under bail yesterday.

It is said that the bail was provided by relatives and that Mr. Hackney has been taken to some place for treatment for the drug habit. The bail had been available for a number of days.

CHANGES ARE MADE IN FOREIGN POSTS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Joseph C. Grew, of Massachusetts, now American minister to Denmark, was nominated today to be minister to Switzerland.

At the same time the President nominated John D. Price, of New Jersey, a professor at Columbia University to be minister to Denmark.

KU KLUX WARN CITIZENS OF THEIR POWER

Three Hundred Members In Regalia Parade Streets of Shawnee, Oklahoma

WARNINGS POSTED ON SIDES OF CARS

Newspaperman Captured and Made To Take Part In the Parade

(By Associated Press) SHAWNEE, Okla., Sept. 21.—Three hundred members of the Ku Klux Klan in official regalia paraded through the main streets of Shawnee and Tecumseh late last night after capturing the night editor of a local newspaper and taking him on the journey. Nothing was done other than to display banners and send a warning to law violators thru the columns of a Shawnee newspaper.

Before allowing the newspaperman to leave the car, the following note was handed to him, addressed to a Shawnee newspaper:

"We are one thousand strong in Shawnee. Good Americans uphold the law. Watch the owner of your paper and keep it in the hands of good Americans. We will clean Shawnee when the time is ripe. Bootleggers and gamblers will save trouble by leaving town."

In addition to the warning sent to the newspaper, the following banners were carried on the sides of the sixty automobiles in the parade:

"Don't follow us, it is not safe." "You can't eat sand, your wife made by washing." "We'll be back. Be careful and by a man's name." "Judges, you know your duty—we are with you when you do it, but you must do it." "Look out, if you do not heed these signs." "Fooling around the other fellow's home is not wise." "Joy riders, be careful." "Lawyers, make your money off legitimate cases."

TABERNACLE B. Y. P. U. ORGANIZES A UNION

The Tabernacle Baptist B. Y. P. U. journeyed to Cove City last, at which place they met with the best of success in organizing a B. Y. P. U.

MUCH INTEREST IN THE REVIVAL

Best Meeting In the History of Jones County Is Now In Progress There

The best revival meeting in the history of Jones county is now in full swing and splendid results are being obtained, according to the pastor of the Pine Grove Baptist church, who was a local visitor here today.

The services are in charge of Rev. J. L. Hodges and Professor Mullins, of Georgia. Mr. Hodges is greeted by large congregations at each service and much interest is being manifested in the meetings.

Professor Mullins, who has charge of the singing, is instructing a class in vocal music every morning and now has a splendid choir to assist in the services.

The services will continue throughout the week. They are being held in a large tabernacle, capable of seating twelve hundred persons.

UPRISING REPORTED IN WEST HUNGARY

(By Associated Press) VIENNA, Sept. 21.—Stephen Friederich, former Hungarian premier, arrived at Odenburg, Burgenland, on Monday and proclaimed West Hungary a republic, it is declared by newspapers here.

Shriners Planning Big Minstrel Show

Preparations Are Under Way For Staging Two Performances Here Next Month

MATTER WAS DISCUSSED AT MEETING THIS A. M.

Also Plan To Take the Show to Washington, Wilmington And Other Towns

New Bern Shriners are planning to stage the biggest, best, most elaborate and most gorgeous minstrel show that ever has been seen in this section of the state. Plans for the great event were discussed at a preliminary meeting held this morning and the matter will be definitely decided at another meeting which has been called for Tuesday.

The minstrel show will be put on by the Shriners' band, drum corps and patrol, who will also take part in a big parade to precede the performance. An effort will be made to secure the best talent available in the city and to have the performance of such a high-class nature that it will be warranted in visiting Washington, Kingston, Rocky Mount and Wilmington.

The exact date has not yet been decided upon but the minstrel show probably will be staged during the latter part of October. Two performances will be given. Harry Foote will be director of the production and he said this afternoon that new costumes and new scenery will be secured. The proceeds derived from the show will go toward paying the expenses of the New Bern Shrine delegation which hopes to attend the national convocation at San Francisco next year.

Christian Science Service

The regular Wednesday evening meeting is held at 8 o'clock at which testimonies to the healing power of Christ truth are given. The public is cordially invited.

ARTILLERY IS BEING FORMED

Over Thirty Applications Already Received For Membership In Battery

Captain Albert T. Willis stated this morning that quite a number of applications had been received for membership in the local artillery company. He estimates that about 30 men have signified their intention of joining the battery thus far.

"It is extremely urgent that all applications be made as soon as possible," said Captain Willis, "for we want to get organized and get our equipment without any delay. All those who want to become members can get the blanks for name or any other information that they may desire."

Mr. G. A. Banks, and daughter Vivian, and Miss Nina Belangia, of Arapahoe, are spending the day in New Bern shopping.

DISCUSS UNEMPLOYMENT AT CONFERENCE MONDAY

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Outstanding figures in America's industrial and civic life are included in a list of thirty-eight members of the government's unemployment conference officially announced today. The purpose of the conference is stated by President Harding in the invitations as follows:

"To inquire into the volume and distribution of unemployment, to advise upon emergency measures that can be properly taken by employers, local authorities and civic bodies, and to consider such measures as would tend to give impulse to the recovery of business and commerce to normal."

The conference will begin next Monday. Hoover Is Made Chairman Among the distinguished names included in the acceptance received are Secretary of Commerce Hoover, who has been designated by President Harding to serve as chairman; Secretary of Labor David, Julius H. Barnes, former president of the U. S. Grain Corporation; Mayor Couzens, Detroit; Mayor Peters, Boston; President Joseph H. DeFrees, the United States Chamber of Commerce; Mortimer Fleishacker, regent of the University of California; Charles M. Schwab, Matthew Woll and Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor.

Three women have been selected. They are: Elizabeth Christman, of Chicago, secretary-treasurer of the National Woman's Trade Union League; Mary Van Kleeck, of New York, director of the Women in Industry Service of the United States and Ida M. Tarbell, of New York, writer.

SENATE ASKED TO RATIFY THE TREATY WITH THE TEUTONS

Congress Reassembled Today At Noon After A Recess of Thirty Days

FIFTY-FOUR SENATORS ANSWERED ROLL-CALL

Session Opens With the Usual Confusion And Very Little Work Accomplished

(By Associated Press) 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 was sent to the capitol by a white house messenger.

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 21 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 hand shaking among senators. The galleries were well filled.

DENY PETITION OF WHOLESALE GROCERS

(By Associated Press) WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Justice Stafford, of the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia today strongly intimated that he would refuse the petition of the National Wholesale Grocers' Association to intervene in the packers' case which involves divorcement of the five big packers from all business except meat packing.

Justice Stafford was about to make such a ruling today when former Senator Hoke Smith, of Georgia, on behalf of the Southern Wholesale Grocers, who had been allowed by Justice Hoehling to intervene, asked to be heard on the proposition. The court granted the request and, on being notified by government attorneys that the Department of Justice would move to strike out the intervention of the Southern Association, set the matter for argument Tuesday.

GOOD SERVICES ARE HELD AT RIVERSIDE

Last night Rev. W. E. Hocutt of Stonewall, preached a powerful sermon from the text, "He paid the fare." In this discourse he emphatically asserted by history and scripture that those who sin must pay dearly for it. In his sermon the covenant expression, "Those who dance must pay the piper" was exemplified. The public cannot afford to miss these instructive and inspirational sermons. Come! Services each night at 8.

MANY ODD FELLOWS ARE IN BIG PARADE

TORONTO, Sept. 21.—A parade of more than 20,000 Odd Fellows was the principal event on today's program of the Sovereign Grand Lodge convention in session here.

The parade, it was stated, would be over four miles long, with several hundred floats and 60 bands. The biggest man scheduled to march is George Montgomery, of Detroit, who is 7 feet 1 1/4 inches tall.

NEW INVESTIGATION IN WEST VIRGINIA

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—Another investigation of conditions in the West Virginia coal fields was proposed in a resolution introduced in the house today by Congressman Foster, republican, Ohio, who suggested that the inquiry be undertaken by the house mines and mining sub-committee.