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LIKE ONE
OF THE
FAMILY

WOMAN KILLS TWO SONS, SHOOTS SELF

ART PROBES
EXPLOSION
IN EAST RIVER

Different Investigations
Are Opened in Attempt to Fix Blame

FRED CAPTAIN
IS UNDER GUARD

NY, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Investigations of the explosion on the ferries, which pre-empted fire twice and twice tried to fix the blame for the death of the usual after-the-investigations began work, reports of warning protests against overuse of unsafe practices and dangerous conditions cropped up to baffle the hearts of relatives.

No actual knowledge of caused the 44-year-old excursionist to blow up in the river yesterday while loaded with men going to work, was missing.

"It might have been dynamite, as we know," John L. Crone, U. S. Steamboat Inspection said.

Steamer had been "thoroughly inspected" as late as July. Apparently everything was safe.

The Ornamental Iron Works Union whose members forced to use the ship because the regular municipal ferry was overcrowded, had protested the observation was over and "unnatural and unscientific."

One engineer whose name was not made public was quoted by workers as saying that Hires, the engineer of the corporation, quite often placed a safety valve to ensure enough steam to pull out of the dock."

He was listed among the dead from such an unverified cause as reported by unidentified engineer, there these possible causes of a terrific explosion:

of salt water instead of water in the boilers because of convenience. Salt water

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7,000 ATTEND
INDIANA FAIR

Annual State Fair
Draws 11,043 Spectators
For Final Day

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Attendance at the 80th annual Indiana State fair which closed last night was announced today as 11,043 by the fair board. Yesterday paid admissions aggregated

the team of horses owned by Flatt, Greenville, won the pulling contest for animals weighing under 3,000 pounds. Flat team registered a tractive of 2,850 pounds for 27 feet, 6 inches.

team owned by Ollie Jenkins, Union City, was second. J. Edwards, Greentown, was

100 scholarship for Purdue University was won by Richard Kleckler, Brazil, for outstanding work in the fair 4-H Club. Robert Parkinson, Rensselaer, was second, and received a scholarship to Purdue.

Exhibits were being withdrawn from the grounds today. It was expected that virtually all exhibits would be removed by nightfall.

Special Service At
Mt. Pleasant Sunday

special missionary service will be held at the Mt. Pleasant Church today. Mrs. C. D. Lewton, president of the Women's Home Missionary Society of the Decatur Methodist Church will be present, and R. D. Myers also of Decatur, speak on "Evangelism in Home Missions." Miss Zula Porter will be present with readings.

Judge Bert Fagan
Reported Improving

Fort Wayne, Sept. 10.—Bert A. Fagan of 2102 Curdes avenue, judge of the city court, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident at Wayne and Barr streets Thursday evening, is improving, his physician reported last evening. He recovered consciousness at 5 o'clock Friday morning. Judge Fagan is suffering from several fractured ribs, a concussion of the brain, and a severe scalp laceration. He is at St. Joseph's hospital.

Unless complications develop the judge should recover rapidly, his physician said. Miss Margaret Mettler of 121 East Woodland avenue, his stenographer, was also injured in the accident, is improving rapidly and will probably be able to leave the hospital today or Sunday.

MANY PAY FALL
INSTALLMENT

\$8,065.19 In Current Taxes Have Been Paid Since First of May

Although it is nearly eight weeks until the final day for paying the fall installment of taxes, several taxpayers have already paid their current tax, County Treasurer John Wechter announced today.

Payments since the first Monday in May of current tax total \$8,065.19. Miss Alice Lenhart, deputy treasurer stated. This amount is greater than the payments made for the same period a year ago. The total November tax bill is around \$350,000. Monday, November 8th is the last day to pay the tax without a penalty being added.

Delinquent tax paid since last May totals \$3,753.42. Approximately \$38,000 of the spring installment of taxes went delinquent, Mr. Wechter stated.

The new law passed by the special session of the legislature reduces the first six months penalty from six to three per cent, and if the spring installment is delinquent the fall installment does not become delinquent until after the final day for payment.

Treasurer Wechter stated that all county treasurers in the state were still charging the old fees on delinquent taxes because the attorney-general had not yet handed down a decision in the matter and that if the new law is upheld, those who paid delinquent tax this year will be given a refund. A separate account is kept in the treasurer's office so that taxpayers will receive whatever benefit the new law gives them.

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FLIERS GATHER
FOR CEREMONY

Fire Destroys Barn
In Kirkland Twp.

Fire of unknown origin completely destroyed a large barn on the farm of Mrs. Hattie S. Obenauer in Kirkland township shortly before eight o'clock Friday night with a total loss estimated at \$4,000.

The barn was filled with hay owned by Mrs. Obenauer and her tenant on the farm, Joseph Baumgardner. Mr. Baumgardner also lost a quantity of farm implements and several head of cattle. Insurance of \$2,000 was carried on the barn but the destruction of cattle implements and hay is a total loss.

Nearly 1,000 people gathered at the scene of the fire and it was due to efforts that other buildings on the farm were saved from the flames.

The Monroe fire department was called to the scene of the blaze and rendered fine assistance with their chemical wagon in preventing the fire from spreading to other buildings.

Roosevelt, Peters
Will Confer Tuesday

Indianapolis, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—R. Earl Peters, state Democratic chairman, will confer with Franklin D. Roosevelt Tuesday concerning the national campaign in Indiana, he said today.

Governor Roosevelt will pass through Indianapolis Tuesday en route west, Peters said, and the Indiana chairman will either go to Cleveland to board the presidential candidate's train or will board it here, he said.

Gov. Joseph B. Ely, Massachusetts, will be one of the national speakers to appear in Indiana. Peters said that national headquarters had informed him.

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Former Mayor Walker
Sails For Italy

New York, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Former mayor James J. Walker sailed secretly today on the liner Conta Grande bound for Italian ports.

He had made no announcement of his plans. His departure was announced by steamship officials after the boat had sailed.

It was understood he would return on the same vessel, going only for the sea trip.

The government is carefully avoiding the word "moratorium."

SEEK FOR BODY
OF PAUL BERN'S
"OTHER WIFE"

Authorities Believe She
May Have Drowned Self
From Steamer

PRIVATE FUNERAL
SERVICES HELD

Hollywood, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—While police sought the body of Paul Bern's "other wife," believed to have followed the screen executive in self-destruction, the veil was lifted today from bewildering and mysterious circumstances of Bern's tragic end, the suicide which left his glamorous bride of two months, Jean Harlow, a widow.

As the silvery-haired star, distraught and weeping, attended the private funeral services for her strange husband, San Francisco and Sacramento police were investigating the reported suicide of Dorothy Millette, one-time stage star who for ten years carried the name of "Mrs. Paul Bern," and who was the beneficiary of his will.

But if mystery surrounded the disappearance from a Sacramento river steamer of this woman in Bern's past, it remained for Henry Bern, his brother, to brush aside the veil which hid their life together.

San Francisco police reported that a woman who took the river steamer Delta King for Sacramento Tuesday night was not aboard when the boat docked at California's capital Wednesday morning. She had checked out of the Plaza Hotel, San Francisco, Tuesday.

She had lived there since May 4, when she registered as "Dorothy Millette, New York." She remained a stateroom aboard the Delta King sailing Tuesday evening.

But Capt. W. J. Athog, the vessel's master, reported that her bed was found undisturbed after the ship docked, that her clothes were heaped in confusion about the cabin, and that a pair of stockings and shoes were found in the companion-way leading from her cabin to the ship's rail.

Authorities believed this indicated she had leaped to her death perhaps shortly after the Delta King left San Francisco and darkness shrouded the slow flowing waters of the Sacramento.

Discovery of her clothes and the

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FLIERS GATHER
FOR CEREMONY

Muncie Airport Dedication Draws Many Aviation Enthusiasts Today

Muncie, Ind., Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—Muncie today held the interest of Indiana for aviation enthusiasts. The new Muncie airport dedication today and tomorrow brought fliers here from all over the country with Major James H. Doolittle, champion speed pilot the guest of honor.

A 100 foot blimp of Akron, O., soared over the field as activities of the two-day air circus got underway.

More than 50 pilots are entered in the race events scheduled for this afternoon and tomorrow. The contests include a race for OX5 planes, pony express races, dead stick landing contests and formation flying by nine army planes. A patrol of ships will be kept constantly over the city.

State police, National Guardsmen and state police were on duty at the airport.

A dinner and dance honoring the visiting pilots was on this evening's entertainment program.

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GERMANY WILL
ASK EXTENSION

German Government
Plans to Ask Postponement of War Debts

Berlin, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—The German government today confirmed that it is planning to ask Washington to postpone the semi-annual payment of 33,000,000 marks due on Sept. 30 as arrears on the costs of the United States army of occupation and other mixed claims.

Official announcement, however, has been withheld pending further conversations between the German embassy in Washington and the American government.

It is understood that whereas it

was first intended to ask a post-

ponement of two and a half years, a longer period may now be requested.

If an agreement is reached with the United States it is understood that Germany intends to open negotiations with other creditor nations, such as Belgium, seeking to postpone payments due.

The government is carefully

avoiding the word "moratorium."

Legion Convention at Play



ABSOLVE BANK
OF SUSPICION

Japanese Charges Against
National City Bank
Are Repudiated

Tokio, Sept. 10.—(U.P.)—A statement absolving the National City Bank of suspicion in connection with a series of photographs of industrial plants it had taken for publication in advertising matter was issued today by Foreign Minister Uchida after a conference with Joseph Clark Grew, United States Ambassador to Japan.

Ambassador Grew had called upon the minister for a complete investigation into charges published by the Vernacular Press that the photographs were for foreign military use.

Certain Japanese believed the pictures were taken to help the American army in case it should bombard Japanese cities from the air.

Grew today asked for a formal statement from the imperial Japanese government repudiating such charges.

Sections of the Japanese press claimed that the National City Bank took the photographs of industrial plants for the American war department.

The intense suspicion of the military of all foreigners taking photographs in Japan; a possible

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