

# MOST MOVIE STARS IN HOLLYWOOD COLONY FROWN ON ORGIES

In the Rhine Palatinate, through explosions in a chemical products plant, according to a Mayence message to the Havas Agency received here to-day.

The plant, which was the scene of the disaster, was that of the Badische Anilin- und Sulfurwerke. Explosive nitrogen compounds are manufactured there.

The town of Oppau itself was entirely destroyed by the explosions, the advice states. In Mannheim one person was killed and about fifty others injured.

BERLIN, Sept. 21 (United Press).—One thousand persons were reported killed, hundreds were injured, three railway trains were buried and portions of the towns of Mannheim and Ludwigshafen destroyed by explosions to-day, according to press despatches.

One terrific detonation followed another, spreading death and destruction. Huge masses of debris were hurled into the air, burying victims and houses in a rain of wreckage from the sky.

First reports said seven hundred were estimated dead. Later a despatch to the Lokal Anzeiger stated one thousand were believed to have perished.

It was reported that a great quantity of artificial nitrogen blew up, causing the disaster. However, there was so much confusion and panic that it was impossible to determine just what happened. Only fragmentary reports were available at first, as telephone and telegraph lines were destroyed.

Many buildings were wrecked at Ludwigshafen and Mannheim. Hospitals in both cities are crowded with the injured, press reports said.

The force of the explosion was felt as far as Frankfurt, forty-five miles from the scene.

Fragmentary reports indicated there was a panic in Mannheim and Ludwigshafen, the twin cities, as detonation followed detonation.

Chimneys were knocked from houses some distance away. Many houses, the reports said, crumbled before the force of the blast as if they were made of paper. Windows were shattered for miles around.

## LOWELL SHERMAN, ACTOR IN ARBUCKLE CASE, FOILS POLICE

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had been Sherman's travelling companions from Chicago and that the actor had been met at Harmon by an Auburn haired girl in a racing auto and had raced away toward Manhattan.

Much excitement was caused at the station when a man who looked very much like an actor and who carried a suit case labelled "L. S." stepped off the train. He marched to the Hotel Biltmore with both Lustig and Detective Hooker on his trail.

Accused in the lobby of being Sherman, the man laughingly proved that he was not, but made the officers promise not to tell who he really was.

Lustig and Detective Hooker were forced to return to the office of the District Attorney minus Sherman but still plus the forthwith summons and the decoy telegram. Every effort will be made to locate Sherman to-day, as District Attorney Swann has been requested by District Attorney Brady of San Francisco to keep the actor under surveillance while an effort is being made to induce him to return as an Arbuckle witness voluntarily.

In case he refuses to return to the jurisdiction of the San Francisco courts, District Attorney Brady has stated that he will move to have him indicted so that he can be brought back.

## SEVEN WITNESSES ARE SUMMONED FOR ARBUCKLE HEARING

SAN FRANCISCO, Sept. 21.—Seven major witnesses were ordered summoned to-day by District Attorney Matthew Brady to appear to-morrow afternoon at the preliminary hearing of Roscoe Arbuckle, charged with the murder of Virginia Raper, as a result of Arbuckle's "Labor Day party" here.

The witnesses were: Mrs. Bambina Maude Delmont, who swore to the murder charge against Arbuckle; Dr. Sherby Strang, police autopsy surgeon; Dr. William Ophula, who performed an unofficial autopsy on Miss Raper's body; Grace Halston, nurse, and Al Semmacher, Ira Fortoulis and Lowell Sherman, guests at Arbuckle's party.

The witnesses on hand, it is believed, will furnish the foundation of the case against Arbuckle.

Federal authorities to-day were going over the evidence offered to the Federal Grand Jury by seven persons who testified at the Grand Jury session which lasted until early to-day.

## QUIET LIVES OF MOST STARS AT HOLLYWOOD CONTRASTED WITH ORGIES OF "LIVE 100"

"We Don't Spend Our Money That Way," Says Wallace Reid in Picturing Celluloid Careers as Sedate, Simple and Saving.

Parties and Dinners in Most Film Favorites' Homes Are Likened to Those a Sunday School Superintendent Would Give.

(Special to The Evening World.) LOS ANGELES, Sept. 21.—Wild midnight parties, in which expensively gown women leap into sparkling fountains; great orgies of wealth in which champagne is served by the golden-bucketful, lavishly staged dancing parties, enshrouded in which hundreds of girls prance in expensive dresses—these are what the public sees in motion pictures until it begins to believe that's the way all motion picture people themselves really live.

And that's the sort of vision the public entertains when a tragedy occurs such as the Arbuckle affair.

Motion picture people do stage lively parties at times, but aside from the reveals of the clique known as the "Live One Hundred," there's nothing about them at all to be compared with the display and expenditure in so-called smart set parties. The picture people themselves smile over the stories of their wild expenditures.

"We're in the position," said Wallace Reid to-day, "of the negro when the white boss asks him to change a five-dollar bill. I'm much obliged for the compliment," said the colored man, "but I ain't got no five dollars." So we're much obliged for the compliment about our wild expenditures—but we don't spend our money that way.

"Naturally, the biggest item of expenditure for a party is in the wet line. I remember Roscoe Arbuckle saying laughingly, that when he bought the Randolph Huntington Miner home in Adams Street, Los Angeles, he had to buy it to keep his cellar. He had merely rented the house before. But most of the parties, dinners and suppers are simple as these affairs would be in the hands of the most moderate folk.

"Investment in homes, bonds, safe securities, this is the disposition picture people make of their money. To be sure, some of the unwise ones buy handsome cars and employ chauffeurs, when they themselves live down side streets in little bungalows or small apartments. And most of the girls are nicely dressed. But these are, after all, means of advertisement. Anyway, their clothes are usually transferred to younger sisters or to needy relatives whom the girls are helping to support."

DRINK BILL OF \$3,000 AT ONE DIRECTOR'S PARTY.

Echoes of wild parties continue, notably one in which a famous star was supposed to have worn only one simple, clinging garment; and there was a party given by a director last winter in which \$3,000 worth of drink was consumed. But these parties met the sort of fame they deserved.

Scores of handsome homes are occupied by the picture folk. But these are investments. Will Rogers, Douglas Fairbanks and Mary Pickford, May Allison, Nazimova, Roscoe Arbuckle, Ethel Clayton, Bryant Washburn, Wallace Reid, William S. Hart, William Desmond, William Farnum, Dustin Farnum—these are a few of the picture stars owning really magnificent homes.

Picture folk, like all actors, are a gay and jolly bunch. They love to dance and must be on the move. But scores of homes the writer knows of where parties are given never respond to more joyous noise than would be heard at one given by a Sunday school superintendent. And every one of these homes has a library of well-thumbed books.

Up at William Farnum's house on the big hill the writer met at dinner one night half a dozen writers of plays, including Salisbury Field, author of "Wedding Bells," and Elmer Harris, author of "So Long Letty," and the evening was one good talk. Mr. Farnum owns four homes, I believe.

Out at Wallace Reid's any evening in the big homey billiard room, you'll meet writers, actors and musicians. Scotch is being replaced these days by ginger ale, but even in gags by ginger ale, you merely enjoyed an evening of music when Wallie felt in a mood to play or somebody turned on the phonograph or you talked or played billiards. Mrs. Reid is a marvelous hostess, and you feel at home the moment you step into that charming room with its fireplace, rugs, musical instruments and general atmosphere of hominess.

There Nina Wilcox Putnam was entertained the other evening, and there any evening you will find Mr. and Mrs. Reid. On Sundays, if you are lucky enough to be a friend of the Reids, you may go swimming with the family in the swimming pool.

Will Rogers is the most domestic of all. His great house is always open to his friends, but he doesn't care a hang about parties. There are billiard rooms, a bowling alley and swimming pool, and there's a big library. If you dine with the family it's usually in the breakfast room, as Will Rogers dubs his magnificent dinner table in the dining room "the peace table." "I got to have more money than I have now before I feel at home in that room," he laughed the other evening.

Rogers, in common with almost any other well-known player, is well informed on general topics and ready to give you an argument any time. Allen Holubar and Dorothy Phillips entertain quietly and informally at their home, as do also King Vidor and Florence Vidor, Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Langley, Mr. and Mrs. Bryant Washburn, Ethel Clayton and scores of others.

Sometimes it is hinted that wild parties are staged for the benefit of open-mouthed tourists who come to the Coast, for most of the parties are held at the beach cafes, where everybody goes.

Gay week-end parties are often held at beach homes. The writer remembers one at William Russell's beautiful home in Santa Barbara, where some writers and actors were present, and the wildest note was a glass of sparkling burgundy at dinner and dancing afterward in the Victoria, followed by a visit late in the evening to an ice cream parlor, where all ate nut sundae.

## Check for \$12,083 Ryan Gave Enright In "Stock Deal" and the Indorsement

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## MASKED KU KLUX KLANSMEN PARADE IN SHAWNEE, OKLA., CARRYING EDITOR AS CAPTIVE

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 note to "law violators" through the columns of a Shawnee newspaper.

Before allowing the newspaper man to leave the car in which he was taken on the trip, the following note was handed to him, addressed to a Shawnee newspaper.

"We are one thousand strong in Shawnee. Good Americans uphold full of records of nearly a hundred police trials before Deputy Commissioners Godley, Lord and Dunham. The offenses charged ranged from assault, making arrests without cause, leading a little girl money into intoxication, insulting women, threatening superior officers with a revolver.

In every instance brought up by Mr. Enright the record showed the accused policemen had been punished by reprimands, and fines up to five days' pay.

"You think," said Mr. Brown, "these punishments were not sufficiently severe?"

"No," said Mr. Enright, "these cases illustrate my point of yesterday that it has been the procedure in the department for years that the entry 'guilty' opposite the charges and specifications does not mean that the man was guilty exactly as charged, but that though the serious implication of charges are not true, there are minor infractions of rules found which should be mildly punished."

One of the cases taken as a test of the controversy was that of William J. Arditt fined one day's pay on being found guilty of "shooting a boy without justification" on Sept. 23, 1914. Mr. Godley tried the case. Wood approved the finding.

Mr. Brown had the Arditt record. It showed Arditt, addressing in the rear room of the station house, dropped his pistol, which went off. The bullet struck the thirteen-year-old nephew of the station house boot-black, who was visiting his uncle. Mr. Godley found the safety catch of the pistol had been left open and told Arditt he was fined one day's pay, "to make him more careful."

"I don't think in the cases I put before you yesterday," said Mr. Brown, "there was any such case as this, though it appears as among the most serious you have brought here to-day."

"But the record says that he was found guilty of shooting a boy without justification," said Mr. Enright, triumphantly, "and Wood approved it. You pointed out that we allow these findings to stand on the record."

"Brown—I don't justify it. I don't excuse it. I don't support it. I criticize it, the same as I criticize yours. It is absolutely indefensible. Mr. Brown picked out the case of a boot-black being pay in September, 1914, for operating a police motor truck while drunk. Mr. Enright showed that the man had been convicted under Commissioner Woods of smashing a patrol wagon while drunk, and at still another time had been tried for drunkenness, but that there was no record of his punishment. He refused to discuss the case unless the committee produced the record of the previous trials.

Mr. Brown brought up the record of the fight of Policemen William E. McGann and Robert W. Clouston on a lonely road in States Island in July, 1918. "Unpleasant language was used," Clouston hit off a piece of McGann's finger and tried to pry out McGann's tongue and bite it off. McGann was fined three days' and Clouston five days' pay in September, 1918.

Mr. Enright said he didn't think this conduct disqualified the men from being policemen.

than one hundred acts of abduction, unlawful seizure, trial and punishment of free citizens have been charged against the Klan, and it is charged that the Klan has violated constitutional guarantees of free speech, trial by jury, unlawful seizure, protection of life, liberty and property, free religious worship and assembly and the prohibition against involuntary servitude.

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

"Don't follow us; it's not safe."  
"You can't eat gruel your wife made by washing."  
"We'll be back. Be careful and be a man."  
"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."  
"Feeling around the other fellow's home is not wise."  
"Joy-riders, be careful."  
"We have your law."  
"Lawyers, make your money on legitimate cases."  
"If you want to be healthy, don't go on law-breaker's bonds."

Acting under orders of Attorney General Daugherty, approved by President Harding, Government Secret Service agents were investigating the Klan organization in many parts of the country. Daugherty declared the Government will not be "run or intimidated" by men behind masks. Grand Jury investigations are expected in New York and perhaps other cities.

Reports laid before the Attorney General by William J. Burns in conference to-day were said to be even more startling than those first brought to the attention of the Department of Justice. It became known that Burns for the last two weeks has had his agents busy in all parts of the country gathering evidence.

## KU KLUX CHARGED BEFORE CONGRESS WITH 100 CRIMES

Tague Introduces Demand for Investigation—Burns Uncerths Much Startling Evidence.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 21.—A resolution asking the appointment of a special committee to investigate alleged illegal activities of the Ku Klux Klan was introduced to-day in the House by Representative Tague, Massachusetts Democrat. Tague asserted that more

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Chief Medical Examiner Charles Norris to-day began investigation into the death last June of Zola Crosby, young scenario writer, who died a victim of venereal poisoning. Secretary of the Board of Medical Examiners staff announced that no information would be made public until the investigation was completed. He withheld the names of persons he is questioning.

The writer was found in an unconscious condition last June and died after being rushed to the hospital.

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